



NYERI COUNTY WEEKLY REVIEW

28TH OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER, 2019

VISION:

A wealthy county with happy, healthy and secure people.

MISSION:

To create and sustain an environment that unlocks potential of the People of Nyeri to achieve progressive socio-economic growth by running an open government.

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Nyeri County stands out courtesy of Danish International Development Fund

Following an independent annual audit report by Danish International Development Fund (DANIDA) released on 24th of October 2019, Nyeri County has been listed among the 20 Counties lauded for their accountability and transparency in utilization of funds by the Danish Agency.

DANIDA is an official development cooperation agency of the Government of Denmark which focuses upon eradication of poverty through sustainable development. The organization funds Government through the National systems and IFMIS to all gazetted level two and three health facilities for the purposes of operations and maintenance since the year 2014. The funds are deposited in the County Revenue account and ring fenced.

In Nyeri County, 115 rural dispensaries and health centers have benefited from the funding which normally supplements the County budget allocation. The funds are used to pay casuals wages facilitate maintenance, operations among other activities. Nyeri County has set its record straight ever since the program was rolled out in Kenya. In line to that, Nyeri County will be among the first beneficiaries of the next disbursement since the first half allocation has been deposited to the National treasury awaiting allocation to the counties.

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Health Services is committed to putting in

place measures to mitigate gaps in the health sector. The County leadership spearheaded by H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga is keen on providing quality and affordable health services to all citizens despite their age, sex, religion or socio-economic status.

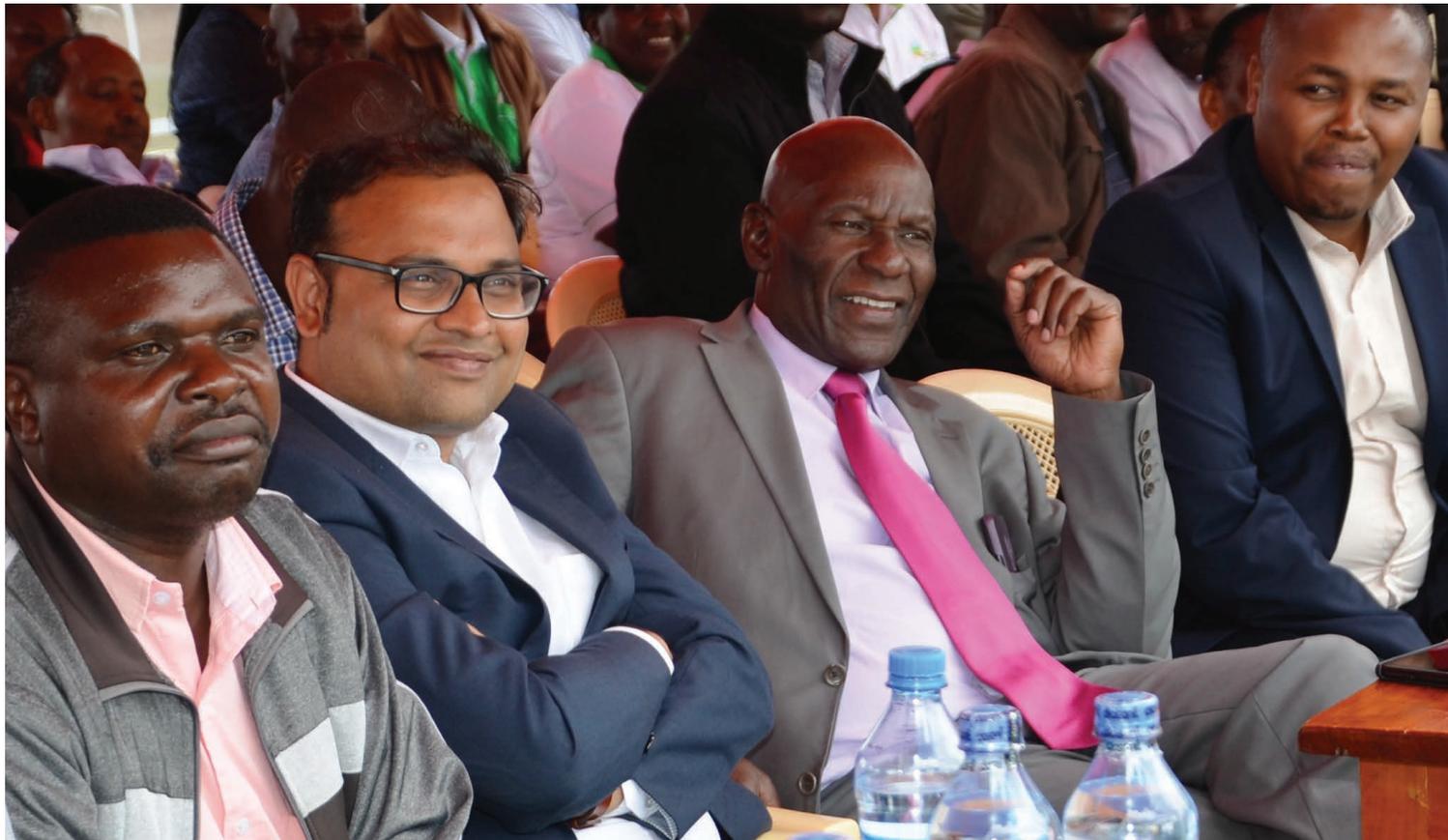
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Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, his personal assistant Nahashon Mung'ora and Health CEC Rachel Kamau checking a CT Scan at Nyeri Referral Hospital.

Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project team in Nyeri

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From left Mugunda Ward MCA Hon Rotex Nderitu, World Bank Technical Team leader Vinay Vuturuku, Nyeri County Secretary Ben Gachichio and Nyeri Agriculture CEC James Muturi follow proceedings in Kieni West sub-county when the team inspected the projects which are under World Bank.

A team from World Bank under The Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP) paid a courtesy call to Nyeri County Secretary Ben Gachichio at the Governor's office.

KCSAP is a Government of Kenya project, supported by the World Bank in collaboration with the County Government of Nyeri.

The main objective of the project is to increase agricultural productivity and build resilience to climate change risks in targeted smallholder farming and pastoral communities in Kenya.

The team later toured projects in Kieni West sub-county where they visited Masonry Water tanks at Gataragwa, Mutitu, Treffos Kiburuti Kiambogo potato store, Kanyagia among others.

Other projects in the programme include Kamangura / Mikumbune Earth Dam and Lusoi Dam.

Gataragwa water project in Kieni West sub-county is a project which is community based serves three sub locations namely;

Kamariki, Kabendera and Lamuria. It has 2,500 connected members.

This project aims to curb prolonged water shortage and promote modern agriculture through minor irrigation.

Through the project, residents will be able to deal with harsh climatic changes especially during the dry season. This will be achieved through irrigation and provision of water for livestock which will in turn boost food and nutrition security. As a result, it will help improve the livelihood of the residents. The KCSAP team also visited Kieni Dairy Products Limited (KDPL) cooling plant owned and managed by members who are dairy farmers from Kieni West sub-county.

Through KCSAP'S objective of promoting sustainable livestock production systems, KDPL received funding to boost value addition of milk through processing quality yoghurt.

This will help Kieni West sub-county farmers at large to increase milk production and to make members more resilient to climate change effects.

Official launch of HPV vaccination and Nyeri County free medical screening



ABOVE and BELOW: Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga during the official launch of HPV Vaccination at Kamukunji grounds, Nyeri town.

Nyeri Governor H. E Mutahi Kahiga officially launched the HPV vaccination for 10 year old girls and the Nyeri County free medical screening camp at Kamukunji Grounds. Services offered were breast, cervical and prostate cancer screening, blood pressure and diabetes screening and HIV counseling and testing.

The activity was targeting 2000 people as a part of the Nyeri County Government's effort to combat the deadly disease. This is in collaboration with HCG CCK, PharmAccess Foundation, Medtronics lab, Peace Ambassadors, Family Health Options, Aga Khan University Hospital, PCEA Tumutumu Hospital and Training

College, Mary Immaculate Hospital, Outspan Hospital and Cancer Survivors.

Over 220 teachers have been trained on Human Papilloma virus in order to work as a link between the county's health department and the girls' parents. All healthcare workers in the county have also been trained on the same.

Governor Kahiga affirmed that the County Government of Nyeri is committed to ensure 10 year old girls in Nyeri are vaccinated against HPV in an effort to protect its people. He also urged the public to take advantage of the now available free

health services under the Universal Health Coverage program. With the rapid increase of cancer cases which globally affects over 2 million patients, Governor Kahiga is in total support of cancer being declared a national disaster and in turn put down measures to mitigate the same in the near future.



KYES Programme Update and CVE Action Plan Strategy

The County Government of Nyeri will facilitate a rehabilitation center for youths at risk of engaging in violence, alcoholism and drug abuse as well as psychological issues.

The County of Government through the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services met with USAID to discuss the progress of the KYES Programme and the CVE (Countering Violent Extremism) Strategy for Nyeri County. The County Government of Nyeri has been successful in the implementation of the KYES Programme which is formulated to impart skills and employment to the youth with the launch of the Nyeri Youth Employment Compact set to happen in early December.

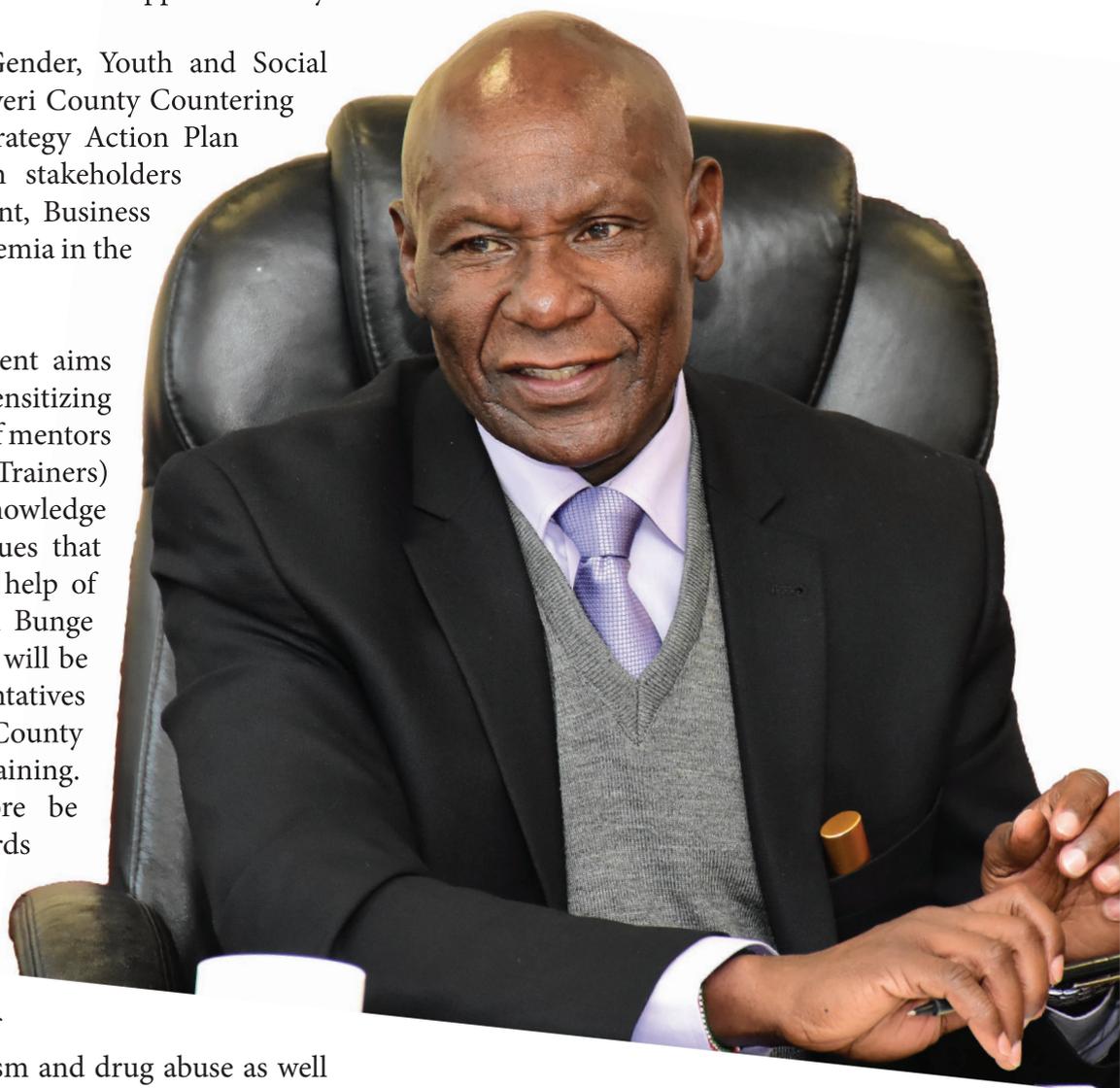
The Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services also presented the Nyeri County Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Strategy Action Plan where it has partnered with stakeholders from the National Government, Business society, Civil Society and Academia in the strategy's implementation.

The County Government aims to partner with USAID in sensitizing the strategy with the training of mentors through the ToTs (Training of Trainers) Programme who will acquire knowledge on how to deal with risk issues that can cause violence. With the help of NYCBF (Nyeri County Youth Bunge Forum), Nyeri County youths will be mobilized through representatives from every ward in Nyeri County in order to facilitate this training. Groups trained will therefore be ambassadors of goodwill towards the strategy.

The County Government of Nyeri will facilitate a rehabilitation center for youths at risk of engaging in violence, alcoholism and drug abuse as well as psychological issues. County Secretary Ben Gachichio stated that in order for this strategy to be successful, training should also be conducted to stakeholders in order for them to understand this strategy so as to support the

program.

USAID will work within the KYES program in order to bridge the gap in capacity building as well as fixing loopholes in the strategy in the 'NI WETU' program which deals with the technical part of the CVE Strategy. In order to achieve this, USAID will look into the pillars of the CVE strategy to get an entry point into talking about risk issues highlighted in the CVE Action Plan.



Nyeri County Secretary Ben Gachichio during the KYES Programme and the CVE (Countering Violent Extremism) Strategy meeting.

Nyeri - USAID - KYES partnership to launch the county youth employment compact



Nyeri Gender CEC Esther Ndung'u (forth left) joined USAID-KYES, Kenya National Chambers of commerce and Industry led by the Nyeri Chairman Mr. Ibrahim Ndegwa (third left), among others in a group photo after the meeting. On the right is the Gender CEC Esther Ndung'u during the meeting.

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Youth Unemployment is and continues to be a big challenge amongst the Youth. To promote youth employment and skills development, increase economic opportunities that spur development, the County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Gender, Youth and Social services has been working with USAID-Kenya Youth Employment and Skills to realize this. The Nyeri CEC Esther Ndung'u together with various departments in the county joined USAID-KYES, Kenya National Chambers of commerce and Industry led by the Chairman Mr. Ibrahim Ndegwa, Youth leaders and various stakeholders drawn

from various sectors at the Grand Batian Hotel, Nyeri town to come up with strategies towards enhancing youth employment. This team forms a COMPACT.

The COMPACT is a public- private partnership that brings together key Stakeholders in youth workforce sector to advance Youth empowerment Agenda.

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K-YES has been implementing this project in nine pilot counties since 2015 and shall exit Nyeri early next year (2020).

The COMPACT is mandated to ensure that the project is not only sustained but also thrives. The launch to hand over the project to the County is scheduled for early December this year.

The County Government is committed towards combined efforts with more stakeholders to increase youth employment and skills development to spur economic growth and self- reliance.

Global communities/USAID clear program introductory meeting



A group photo of officers from the Department of Trade led by the CEC Diana Kendi (seated third left) after they met with a team from Global Communities.

Officers from the Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture and Co-operative Development led by the CECMs Ms. Diana Kendi met with a team from Global Communities led by the Chief of Party Ms. Kristin Wilcox Feldman for an introductory meeting on Cooperatives, Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy and Research (CLEAR) program.

Global Communities (formerly CHF) is implementing the \$8 million USAID's E3 Bureau-funded CLEAR program that

will focus on specific activities designed to support, enhance and modernize Kenya's co-operative ecosystem.

The meeting was held with an aim of identifying possible areas of collaboration targeted towards strengthening of co-operatives in the county.

The team also met with leaders from groups dealing with Jua kali, curios and Mountain climbing that are earmarked for transformation to co-operatives.

Your say...

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Bernard Wambugu Kingori

Scepticism is a bad attitude which can kill even personal ambitions. Kahiga has really worked hard. It is evident that by all fairness he is not after money. Why can't you just follow his page and compare with Muranga and other counties. Ask yourselves during the 1st regime where were they taking the money. Within 2 years health facilities have been improved and new ones in progress, Town roads tarmacked etc. Jameni haters.



Simon Kiama

We've seen your great, awesome and incredible work in our ward, please go ahead with the marvelous works.... Remain strong and blessed



Gerald Muthaiga

Why don't you light Karatina Town first the rural areas



Gachau Kibuthu John

That's a great milestone in the health sector. But answer me please, when are you planning to supply our health centres and dispensaries with medicine? Kila siku mtu akienda anaabiwa hakuna dawa, pliz do something.



Andrew Maina

Honestly mutahi have performed, keep up,



Simon Kiama

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Ngahu Kinyozi WA Karatina

I admire your zeal, hardwork and good attitude where you interact with everyone. The self proclaimed Governor WA hustlers



Mwema Meja
Mutahi Kahiga congrats for the good work

while at it, I must mention Mrs Muthami, madam Mutinda, and another Esther for their selflessness. indeed if there is a way to appreciate them, do it. they are a blessings to Karatina sub county hospital. Am sure we have others but for these, I have personally ecores their good deeds. On the same note, a nurse in charge of Wakamata dispensary (Irene Mutuma) is also doing great. indeed do your research and it might occur that she is currently the best working in the entire county



Regina Wanjiku

We need here at kiamwathi old road to stadium our governor please



Kamama Kimunyu
Mheshimiwa, Nyeri is becoming a sporting county, what if we come up with our unique sports uniform to be used from school level upwards 🙏



Emiphas Muchangi, a Google Digital Skills Trainer during the training of Nyeri staff from the County Communication Department/ Governor's Press Unit. BELOW: Nyeri Director of Communication Carol Nderi during the meeting.

Google expert trains staff on digital skills

The world is evolving and in the current digital era there is need to be at par with how the world around us works, in terms of communication and business engagement through the internet and social media platforms. In light of this, it is necessary to sharpen one's skills in this field so as to reap maximum benefits from this great invention that has brought on a paradigm shift in communication and social interactions.

To this end, the County Communication Department/ Governor's Press Unit was trained on digital skills by a representative from E-Mobilis in a program dubbed Grow with Google: Digital Skills for Africa. This program aims at equipping young people with digital skills on how to optimize digital opportunities available on the internet and social media platforms.

Emiphas Muchangi, a Google Digital Skills Trainer extensively took the trainees through the realm of Digital Marketing. Nelson Maina, a Budget Coordinator with Uraia Trust took them through the dynamics of new media and the advent of social media in heightening issues of governance and social advocacy.

To achieve this, the trainees who included interns and attachees were trained on digital marketing careers such as customer acquisition and retention, SEO management, SEM management, E-commerce management, cyber security, online media layer graphic and media development and data analysis.

These courses are offered for free online where trainees are awarded with certificates upon successful completion.

With this knowledge, the trainees use the skills harnessed to be economically empowered whilst reducing unemployment among the youth.

Last year, Google through this program trained one million youth and targets to reach 10 million youth in Africa this year. Currently this program is running in Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Nigeria, Rwanda and Ethiopia.



Two Nyeri polytechnics receive grants

Othaya and Kinunga Youth Polytechnics in Nyeri County received grants from USAID through the USAID Kenya Youth Employment and Skills (K-YES) Program worth Shs 1 million.

The funds for tools and equipment for various departments in the vocational training centres.

Othaya Youth Polytechnic has so far bought tools and equipment worth Sh 587,000 for hairdressing, masonry, and plumbing departments and had internet installed at the center.

Kinunga Youth Polytechnic has bought tools and equipment worth Ksh 233,000 for hairdressing, motor vehicle mechanic, welding, fabrication and ICT.

The equipment will be of great benefit to the students as they learn and obtain the requisite technical skills.



CLOCKWISE:
- A team from World Bank under The Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP). Others are officers from the County Government of led by Nyeri County Secretary Ben Gachichio.
- A Google Digital Skills training of Nyeri staff from the County Communication Department/ Governor's Press Unit.
- A worker at Kieni Dairy Products Limited (KDPL) cooling plant at Kieni West sub-county when the KCSAP team also visited the plant.
- A masonry water tank in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub county which is one of the projects under KCSAP.
- A group photo after the KYES Programme and the CVE (Countering Violent Extremism) Strategy meeting held at Governor's office.
- The recently upgraded Ngangarathi Primary School - Muthaiga road near Nyeri town.

