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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.

New Year 2020 message

» *In 2020, we commit to keep Nyeri corruption free and continue doing what is right as we increase our presence in the rural areas.*



As we usher in New Year, 2020, we look back with nostalgia and thanksgiving to the Almighty God. We owe everything to Him and like Israel we say “If the Lord had not been on our side, wouldn’t our enemies vanquished us?” 2019 was truly a tough year for Nyeri County, but our resilience and commitment to excellence has continued to guide us to wade through it all... *Continued on page 2.*

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This is the year where we suffered a great cash crunch, when The Senate and The National Assembly differed on the revenue sharing formula, almost grounding counties to a halt; however, we were able to sail because the citizenry had raised Ksh.870M through own revenue collection.

We inherited an overwhelming Ksh.711M pending bill portfolio when we took over Government in the year 2017. Two years later, we were among the only 12 counties that

had cleared all pending bills and maintained a no-pending-bill-portfolio. This says a lot about our commitment to faithful adherence to the Public Finance Management Policies. Nyeri County came out shining, being recognized as the best County in adherence to procurement laws and regulations - leading all the 47 counties with a 75% score.

Additionally, The World Bank ranked us the 2nd best county overall in prudent use of resources. I singularly commend every member of my staff for helping us achieve this feat. Therefore, we are the County of choice for those seeking to do business with government.

Over the last one year, we murrammed our rural roads and re-carpeted our town roads which has eased movement of people and goods to and fro. In an effort to spur small-scale business, we put up 14 new markets and built new kiosks in a number of shopping centers all over Nyeri. We gave Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) the attention it deserves by hiring 820 ECDE caregivers, built, furnished and renovated ECDE classrooms.

In the last 2 years, we managed to do key renovations in our major hospitals which include; Nyeri County Referral Hospital (PGH), Karatina, Mukurwe-ini, Othaya and Mt Kenya Level 4 Hospitals. We built a new amenity ward and a new outpatient block at Mt Kenya Hospital, a newborn unit and a new store in Karatina Hospital, a newborn unit in Mukurwe-ini Hospital, new kitchen and cabro pavements at Othaya level 4 Hospital and completed Zaina Dispensary.

In an effort to solve the age-old problem of lack of a level 4 Hospital in Kieni Constituency, we have set up a Level 4 Hospital which is currently on the fourth floor. Congestion in our main town will soon be a thing of the past when we complete our ongoing

transport termini at Asian Quarters; a project worth Ksh.600M. Nyeri County is also a proud owner of the latest fire engines bought this year from Austria, increasing our fleet to five, which have since improved our emergency response services.

In 2020, we commit to keep Nyeri corruption free and continue doing what is right as we increase our presence in the rural areas.

We shall support H. E Uhuru Kenyatta's Big 4 Agenda. For this reason we fully commit to be on the forefront in ensuring that Universal Healthcare Program (UHC) succeeds. We will hire more health workers and better equip our hospitals. On matters agriculture, more funds will be disbursed with main focus being improving coffee, tea and milk production. We will introduce new enhanced and more productive tea varieties, improve coffee production by seeking both subsidized inputs and pushing Government of Kenya (GoK) to fully operationalize the Cherry Fund.

We will continue demanding prudent management of cooperative societies to ensure farmers earn more. On dairy farming, we intend to purchase 6 new Suzuki Marutis to help our AI officers on AI service

delivery to the farmers. This will help enhance our breeds and ultimately increase production. We will ensure that all boreholes are operational this year to increase water availability for farming and domestic use. Our lighting programs are progressing well and we intend to do 55 new projects in the year 2020. We promise to do our best to ensure roads damaged by the rains are passable.

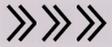
All this will be done in total adherence to laid down financial policies to make sure Nyeri gets value for money. We seek your continued support in these endeavors.

All we have planned to do can only be achieved in an environment that is not politically toxic. Hence, I humbly request Nyeri citizens and leaders to tone down on political rhetoric with the latter focusing on optimal service delivery to our people. 2020 should be a year of tranquility for Nyeri County.

I urge all of us to heed the president's call to tone down political activity and lets all in one accord, join hands and support him achieve the Big 4 Agenda.

Great people of Nyeri, and Kenya at large, I wish you a prosperous New Year 2020; may every new day bring us good health, wealth and peace.

Ushering in the New Year 2020, grateful for God's blessings



Governor - "If it wasn't for God's mercy and providence, we would have perished and therefore we thank Him for seeing this New Year, we do not take it for granted..."



Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga with Abundant New Life Church bishop Paul Wanjohi ushering New Year at Dedan Kimathi Grounds, Nyeri Town during a cross-over prayer service. *BELOW: Some of the church members during the church service.*

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga joined the congregation of Abundant Newlife Church Nyeri at Dedan Kimathi Kamukunji grounds in 2019-2020 for a cross-over keshu in ushering in the New Year 2020.

He thanked the people of Nyeri for the support they have given him and the entire county executive in the year 2019 stating that his government will work hand in hand with the people of Nyeri in this new year to offer more and better services.

"If it wasn't for God's mercy and providence, we would

have perished and therefore we thank Him for seeing this New Year, we do not take it for granted. It's not by our power or might, but by the spirit of God," He said.



14 farmers' groups receive Ksh. 13 Million for agricultural practises

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Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga with some of the 14 farmers' groups after they received Ksh. 13 Million from KCSAP program.

The County Government of Nyeri has partnered with the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP) program which aims at sustainably increasing agricultural productivity and build-

ing resilience to climate change risks by employing new technological innovations and upgrading management of agricultural practices.

The program has been rolled out in six wards which are prone to adverse climate change which include Rugi, Mukurwe-ini Central, Mugunda, Gatarakwa, Thegu River and Gakawa wards.

To this end, Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga presented cheques worth Ksh.13 Million to the second batch of 14 farmers' groups.

These groups will invest this seed money in five value chains namely indigenous poultry, beans, Irish potatoes, tissue culture bananas and dairy farming.

Governor Mutahi urged farmers to prudently utilize these funds for the intended projects to ensure success of this program as it will ensure food security and wealth creation.

This brings to a total of 65 farmers' groups which are to benefit from Ksh 57.5 Million KCSAP grant.



Plans to construct Kiawara Level IV Hospital underway

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga joined Kiawara community leaders in a consultation meeting which was aimed at planning the construction of Kiawara Level IV Hospital in Kieni West sub-county. The hospital which is estimated to cost about Ksh. 300 Million, will ease access to healthcare services for local residents who usually travel for many kilometers in search of a medical facility. The County Government of Nyeri is ready to fund the project possibly from next year. The National Government has since committed Sh 30 Million which will go towards the project.



Some of the Kiawara community leaders in Kieni East during a consultative meeting.

The County Government of Nyeri is also fencing a local market, purchased a fire engine for the sub county, and will also upgrade the Mweiga Town matatu stage.

Time extension for Karatina and Chaka traders

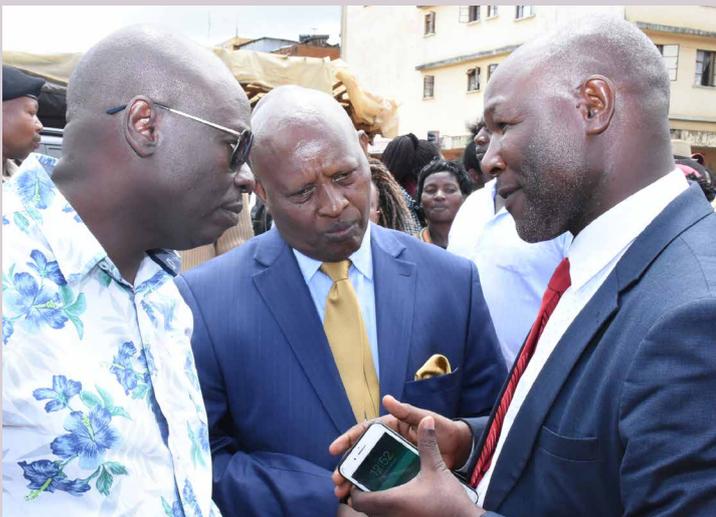
Kenya Railways added one more week to Karatina and Chaka traders in Nyeri county for the traders to vacate from the Nairobi- Nanyuki railway line. A team from Kenya Railways led by Wycliffe Agutu paid a courtesy call to Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga and agreed with the governor that the traders be given ample time so that the County Government of Nyeri can have consultative meetings with stakeholders to chart the way forward. Cyrus Irungu and Protus Ouma from Kenya Railways were also present.

This is after quick intervention by the Governor in order to ensure the lives of the 4,000 traders in Karatina and Chaka towns are not jeopardized.



Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga speaking to Karatina mitumba traders after Kenya Railways issued a notice of vacating along Nairobi – Nanyuki railway line. BELOW: From left Mathira MP Hon Rigathi Gachagua, Nyeri Governor and Karatina ward MCA Hon Watson Weru in consultation over the matter.

The governor vehemently condemned the move to evict them terming it as untimely and insensitive since this time of the year parents are working towards paying school fees. He said that he will not allow the people's future to be jeopardized claiming that Kenya Railways ought to produce a more palatable solution, wear a human face, otherwise, he will not support the reviving of the railway if it interferes with the traders'



wellbeing. The traders have been transacting business on this land for over 40 years.

At Karatina town, County Government of Nyeri resolved to relocate the over 2,000 traders, mostly mitumba sellers, to the old market area. Graveling, upgrading and allocation of the old market has kicked off.

The Governor also urged the traders to maintain peace as department of Trade equally allocate space to avoid conflicts during relocation.

At the same time, the governor and Kieni MP Hon. Kanini Kega agreed to have a consultative meeting with Chaka traders following an eviction notice.

The two leaders who were speaking to Chaka traders pledged to have consultations with the National Government and Kenya Railways to find a lasting solution before the modern Chaka market is complete.

Governor Kahiga assured the over 2,000 traders affected that the County Government will find a temporary place for their resettlement.

Kenya Railways plans to resume its services to Nanyuki from Nairobi soon after the services were abandoned about four decades ago.



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI

COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

P.O. BOX 90 – 10100. TELEPHONE: 061 2030700

RE: ADVERTISEMENT FOR VACANT POSITIONS

The County Government of Nyeri wishes to recruit competent and qualified persons in the Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and urbanization to fill the following positions:

TITLE	JOB GROUP	NO. OF POSITIONS
SENIOR PHYSICAL PLANNERS	L	3
PHYSICAL PLANNERS	K	2
BUILDING INSPECTORS (SUPERINTENDENT BUILDINGS)	K	4
HOUSING OFFICER	K	1
SENIOR ESTATE MANAGEMENT OFFICER	L	1

Salary and benefits: As per the regulations of Salaries and Remuneration Commission.
Terms: Three (3) year contract

HOW TO APPLY

Written applications, together with the required documents should be sent or hand delivered to:

The Secretary
Nyeri County Public Service Board,
P. O Box 90 – 10100
NYERI

The applications should reach the Secretary on or before 28th January, 2020.

The County Government of Nyeri is an equal opportunity employer. Qualified persons from any part of the country are encouraged to apply. Persons Living With Disability and women are encouraged to apply.

Visit www.nyeri.go.ke for more information.

County Government of Nyeri to partner with Longhorn Publishers

»»»» The refurbished ECDEs will be fully equipped with modern infrastructure and qualified personnel where other centers can benchmark

The County Government of Nyeri is soon set to kick off a partnership with Longhorn Publishers touching on four main areas in matters education which will boost the intellectual well being of children and providing better learning environment for them. These areas are; Refurbishment of ECDEs, mentorship programme, setting up a learn-

ing area in pediatric wards and publishing services. The refurbished ECDEs will be fully equipped with modern infrastructure and qualified personnel where by other centers can benchmark. A mentorship programme will also be rolled out where students can meet, interact and be inspired by various people with success stories especially those within the county.



Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga in a group photo with Longhorn Publishers team when they paid a courtesy call unto him. Also present is Nyeri Education CEC Margaret Macharia (third right) and Chief of Staff Paul Wambugu (right).

There is also intent to set up a learning area, fully furnished and equipped with learning materials in pediatric wards for the sake of those children in the hospital so that they can also continue to learn instead of halting their learning experience for the period which they are admitted. Longhorn Publishers has also offered its publishing services on documents like laws, county strategic plan among others. On the same note, these documents will be translat-

ed to a language which the public is more conversant with. The partnership is timely in supplementing the efforts put in by the County Government in ensuring better education for all including the latest whereby the Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga is sponsoring best girl and boy from each ward who scored 350 marks and above and from a needy background.



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Catherine King'ori
Heko Gavana wetu Mutahi Kahiga kwa uongozi wako wa busara..twakuombea Mola aendelee kukubariki 🙏



Lolenxa Staaaz Karanzcha
Thanks sir for your tireless efforts to see to it that Nyeri is a better county .God reward you Gracefully



Winnie Benjaminz
I thank H.E for sponsoring my niece...am really humbled by the gesture.Indeed an educated county is an educated country.



Nick Kariuki
Ur now working but can you offer soft loans to young people to do farming, give them education on farming, create manufacturing industries where value addition to the output, provide a marketing strategy of their produce free from cartels,,Mr gorvenor we young people of Nyeri are hardworking and given the suport I can assure you that God will bless you abundantly,,God bless Nyeri and you Mr gorvenor,,#Nyeri hoiiyeee,



Bernard Kinyua
This is agreat step forward. I wish his Excellency Governor will do the same to the hard working farmers in mwichuri.I would call this value addition to what farmers grow. Kudos

Tree planting and sensitization activity in Mukurweini sub-county

»»»» The County Government will continue to support and organize environmental conservation programs to the members of the public.

The Department of Water Environment and Natural Resources led by John Gituku and other environmental officers donated and helped plant more than 300 indigenous and fruit (hass avocados) tree seedlings in Kaharo.Kamuthanga stream in Thimu village, Gikondi Ward, Mukurwe-ini sub-county has been affected by gully erosion threatening its course and nearby farms. Bamboo trees will be planted 30m from each side of the stream as a permanent solution to the problem. The County Government of Nyeri will continue to support and organize environmental conservation programs to the members of the public.

Elimu Fund 2020 Public Participation

For a whole week, Principal Education Officers and Elimu Fund Ward Committee members have been conducting Public Participation Forums in various wards in the county for the Elimu Fund Bursary 2020.

The funds are being issued by the County Government of Nyeri in support of education for needy students in secondary schools, colleges, polytechnics and universities from the county.

The public participation forums are meant to determine the destitute students to receive the fund from the many applicants. During these meetings the public is given a chance to give their opinions on the students from their area so that only the very needy benefit.

This year, the government is disbursing Ksh. 100 Million Elimu Bursary Funds where about 15,000 students will benefit.

County government of Nyeri will disburse the kitty equally to the 30 wards each receiving Ksh. 3.3 Million.

The government plans to increase the kitty from Ksh. 100 Million to Ksh. 150 Million in the next financial year.



From left Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga, Deputy Governor Dr. Caroline Karugu, Interior Coordination CS Dr. Fred Matiang'i, PS Dr. Karanja Kibicho and Nyeri Senator Eng. Ephraim Maina during the pass out parade at the National Police College Main Campus-Kiganjo.

Nyeri Governor graces a standardization course passing out parade

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga attended the passing out parade of 1,223 police officers (1,164 males, 159 females) at the National Police College Main Campus-Kiganjo, which was presided over by Interior CS Dr. Fred Matiang'i.

The police officers were recently deployed from The Administration Police Service to The Kenya Police Service.

The event marked the completion of a standardization course by the 1,223 police officers, who have been performing general duties at various police stations.

The police officers underwent a two-month long training program that covered diverse areas in policing including; Case Management, Human Rights, Crime Scene Management among others.

The occasion was also graced by Interior PS Dr. Karanja Kibicho, Inspector General National Police Service Hillary Mutyambai, DCI Director Erick Kinoti, Deputy Inspector General Kenya Police Service Edward Mbugua, Commandant National Police College Japheth Koome, Nyeri Senator Eng. Ephraim Maina and Deputy Governor H.E Dr. Caroline Karugu.

Launch of the second cohort of Governor's Scholarship Bursary Scheme

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga launched the second cohort of the Governors Scholarship Bursary Scheme at Town hall grounds which was awarded to 60 needy students who were picked from the 30 wards in the county, a boy and a girl from each ward who had scored 350 plus marks in their KCPE 2019 examination. They were selected through a public participation process to ensure that the most deserving cases are selected.

The 60 students will get a four-year sponsorship in regards to their school requirements under the Governor's Scholarship Bursary Scheme.

Governor Kahiga pledged his full support towards the students' education and urged them to maintain discipline and work hard as they join secondary schools.

This program now has 120 beneficiaries since it was first launched in 2019.

"The 60 students will get a four-year sponsorship in regards to their school requirements under the Governor's Scholarship Bursary Scheme."

In a separate County Government of Nyeri bursary fund, in the last financial year over 14,000 students from across all the constituencies benefited from a ksh 100-million kitty.

The County Government of Nyeri has kicked off the process of disbursing Ksh. 100 Million Elimu Bursary Funds

The governor noted that his government will disburse the kitty equally to the 30 wards each receiving Ksh. 2.8 Million. The kitty targeted bright but needy students who are schooling in secondary, college and university levels.

where about 15,000 students will benefit. In a bid to accommodate more needy cases, the governor has said that there are plans to increase the kitty from Ksh. 100 million to Ksh. 150 million in the next financial year.



One of the Governor's Scholarship Bursary Scheme beneficiaries receiving a cheque from Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga.



Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga with other leaders and the fund's beneficiaries in a group photo.

Shamba System to benefit Nyeri farmers

“This system will assist farmers increase food production while conserving the environment.”



Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga (centre) chairing the meeting with Kenya Forest Service officers and other stakeholders in his office. Next to him on the right is Nyeri Environment CEC Fredrick Kinyua.

Nyeri Governor H.E. Mutahi Kahiga met with a committee from Kenya Forest Service in a consultative meeting geared towards allocating forest land to farmers for cultivation of food crops and propagation of trees. This system that if well managed will assist farmers increase food production while conserving the environment.

The governor backed the idea and suggested that stringent measures and proper enforcement be enacted to ensure the scheme becomes a success.

In the move to increase the forest cover in the county, schools will be targeted to inculcate conservatory values and change the mindset of the younger generation.

The County Government of Nyeri

has been on the frontline in proliferation of tree cover by providing farmers with fruit trees worth Ksh. 50 million and in the same spirit has plans to install biogas digesters for 100 households in Aguthi - Gaa-ki ward, Tetu sub-county to reduce use of firewood. The programme will then be rolled out to other sub-counties.

Kuza Kazi Youth Program launch



Nyeri Gender CEC Esther Ndung'u (centre) chairing a meeting ahead of the Kuza Kazi youth program launch expected next month.

To achieve this, the county Government of Nyeri has been working in collaboration with USAID- KYES, CocaCola Co. through Almasi Beverages by offering starter kit consisting of an ice box, parasol and CocaCola Merchandise, while Bunge Sacco is to provide refundable loans to the existing Small and Media Enterprises (SME) beneficiaries.

The County Government of Nyeri through the department of Youth, Gender and Social Services held a consultative meeting with a team from CocaCola Co. through Almasi Beverages, Ogilvy, the Project Manager- Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PWC) and Nyeri Bunge Sacco to deliberate on the way forward towards the launch of Kuza Kazi Program scheduled for February 2020. The program's aim is to economically empower the youth by boosting their entrepreneurial skills and facilitating them to start table-top business through capacity building and financial support for the Kenyan economy.

To this end, over 100 beneficiaries have been trained ahead of the program activation.

Gender CEC Esther Ndung'u while chairing the meeting assured the team of the government's commitment in transforming the economic lives of Nyeri youth through public private partnerships.

Aid for Karemenu, Ngangarithi fire victims

»»»» *The family lost all their property to the fire that razed down their dwelling unit into ashes. However, no casualties were reported*



Some of the Karemenu residents who were affected by fire receiving iron sheets from Mugunda Ward MCA Hon. Joseph Nderitu (left) in Kieni West sub-county. BELOW: County Government of Nyeri officers delivering their donation to the families of Kamakwa ward, Nyeri Central sub county.

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Youth, Gender and Social Services visited Ngangarithi families who were affected by a fire tragedy that occurred on the morning of 20th December, 2019 at Nyeri Central sub-county, Kamakwa Ward.

The Nyeri County fire brigade responded promptly to the incident and managed to contain the situation. However, ten households were affected while the cause of the fire remains unknown. No casualties were reported.

Elsewhere, they also visited Karemenu family located at Kieni West sub-county, Mugunda Ward, Karemenu sub-Location who were affected by a fire tragedy that occurred during the night of 30th December, 2019.

The family lost all their property to the fire that razed down their dwelling unit into ashes. However, no casualties were reported. The source of the fire remains unknown.

In aid of the family, officers from the department joined hands with the area MCA Hon. Joseph Nderitu to donate food and non food items.



Governor visits Lamuria flash flood victims

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga visited the 52 affected families following the catastrophic flash floods that hit Lamuria area, Mugunda Ward, Kieni West sub-county. The flash floods destroyed the people's houses, livestock and crops. The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Gender and Social Services donated foodstuffs and clothes to the families. The Governor also gave his personal cash donation to those affected as temporary measures as the government starts the process of long term solution.

Governor Kahiga was also joined by Gender CEC Esther Ndung'u, area MCA Hon Joseph Nderitu and Red Cross officials in donating foodstuff, blankets and kitchen sets to the affected families. County Government of Nyeri will also issue bursaries to the children from the affected families and help build houses for them.

RIGHT: Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga donating food stuffs to one of those affected by flash floods in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub county.

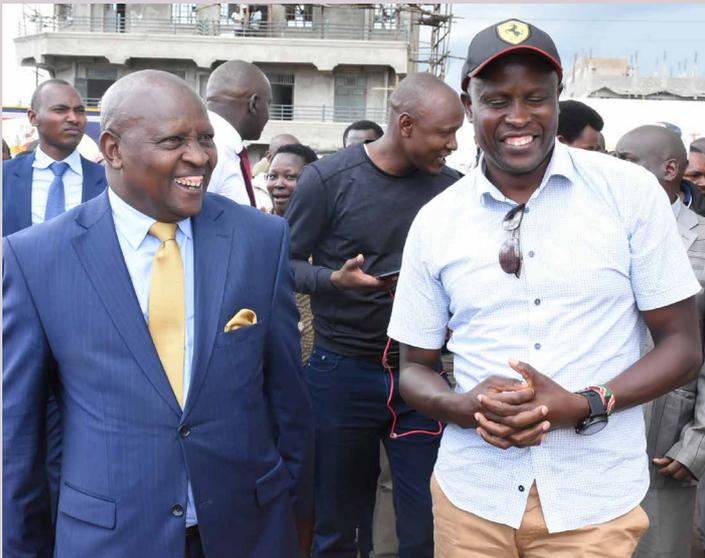


WEEKLY PICTORIAL



ABOVE: The construction of Ihururu Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre in Tetu sub county is almost complete. BELOW: Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga and Kieni MP Hon Kanini Kega at Chaka when the two leaders held a meeting after Kenya Railways issued a notice of traders to vacate along Nairobi – Nanyuki railway line.

From right, Mathira MP Hon. Rigathi Gachagua, Deputy President Dr. William Ruto, Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga, Nyeri Senator Eng. Ephraim Maina and Deputy Governor Dr. Caroline Karugu (extreme left) during the funeral service of Martha Kirigo Gachagua, mother to MP Rigathi Gachagua.



Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga with some of the six needy students who are beneficiaries of a four - year scholarship from Gidjoy Foundation.



From right Magutu ward MCA Hon Wanjira Wamabati, Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga and Mathira MP Hon Rigathi Gachagua with other leaders during the burial ceremony of four family members who perished in a fire inferno, last Christmas in Gaikuyu village, Magutu ward in Mathira sub-county.