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A wealthy county with happy, healthy and secure people.

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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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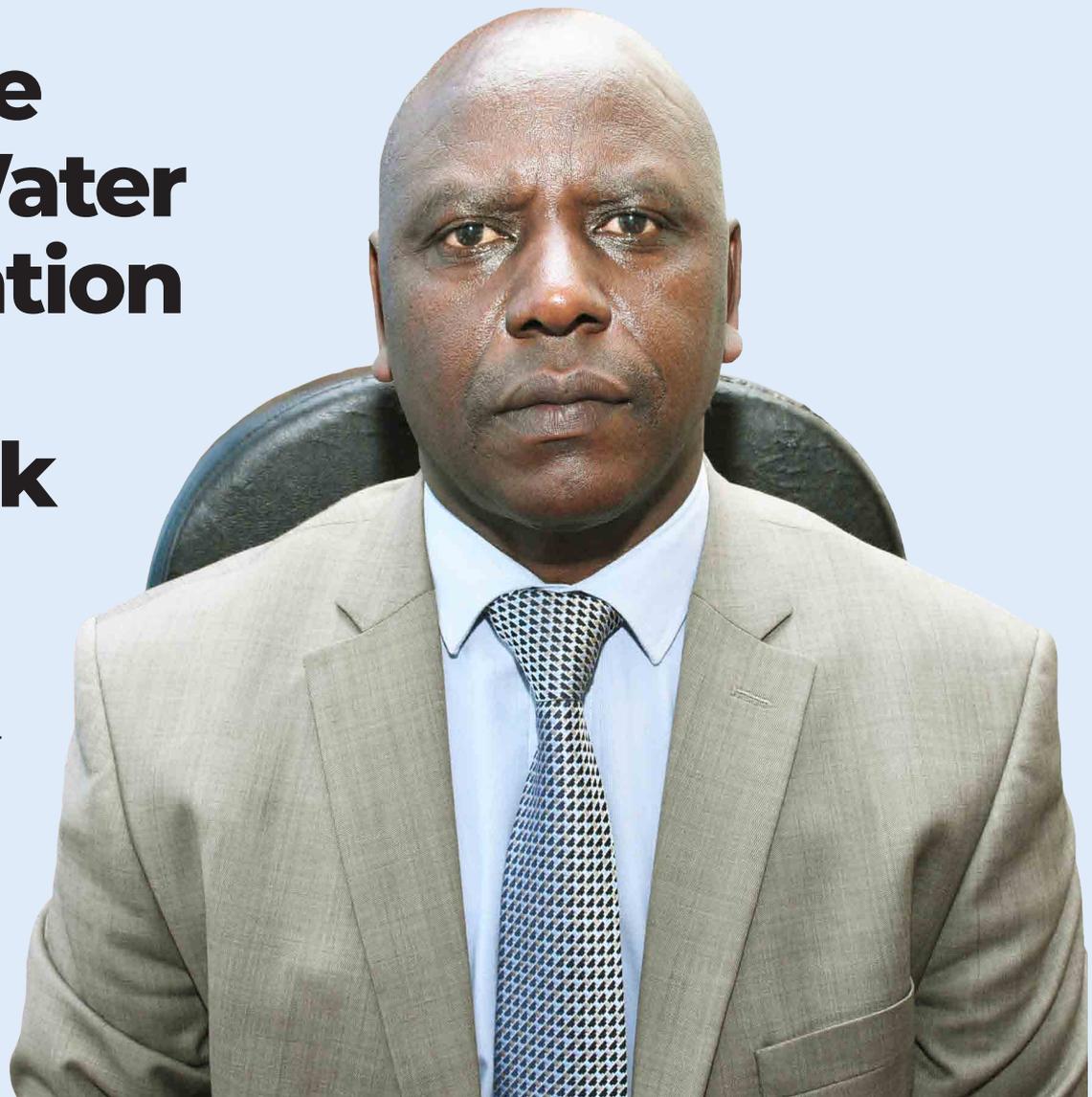
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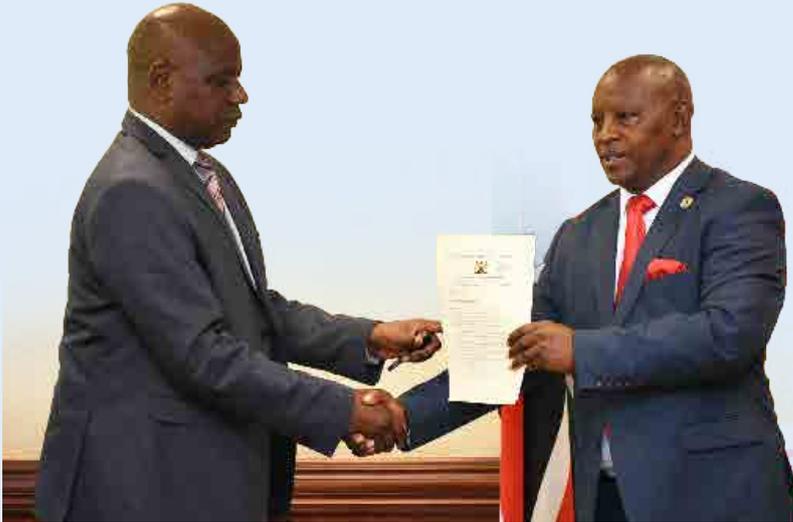


Up close with Water & Irrigation CEC Fredrick Kinyua

He gives indepth details of water docket's milestones

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Water and Irrigation Services CEC receives an appointment letter of the newly restructured department from Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga recently.

What are your achievements in the water sector so far in terms of providing Nyeri County residents with clean, safe and affordable drinking water?

We have supported the Community Based Organisation (CBO) projects through provision of pipes, construction of intakes and storage tanks, boreholes drilling and solar installation.

Further, we have supported water service providers' infrastructural developments like construction of treatment works, provision of supply pipes and construction of storage tanks. The department is also tasked with lobbying of funds to support WSPs and community projects from both the National Government and NGO organizations. We have also extended pipelines and drilled 22 boreholes to ensure Nyeri residents get adequate clean water.

How many community water projects have benefited from construction of tanks and donation of pipes for their projects?

So far 107 community water projects have benefitted in the last two financial years. In the financial year 2017/2018, the department spent money to a tune of Ksh 320 Million and Ksh 270 Million in the FY 2018/2019 in a bid to support community water projects.

Your docket manages and monitors the five water service companies in Nyeri. How do you work together as they strive to provide affordable, clean and safe drinking water?

The department works hand in hand with the water service providers by direct financial support, technical support in reduction of non-revenue water, monitoring and evaluation of companies' performance on monthly basis, provision of technical and managerial expertise through board of directors forum, working with other related agencies such as Tana Water Works Development Agency (TWWDA), development partners and Water Service Regulatory Board (WSRB) in support of water service providers.

NYEWASCO has over the last 10 years consistently been the number one water service provider in Kenya and one of the best in Africa, what are your plans in making the rest WSPs which have not been performing as per expectations?

NYEWASCO has been a beacon of excellence in the water service industry and one to benchmark from for all other water service providers in Nyeri and beyond. We plan to raise the standards of other water service providing companies, and through performance management, the department has achieved improved non-revenue water reduction for all the water companies. The effort has included technical advice to the companies and purchase of master meters for monitoring of water systems performance.

The department also supports infrastructural development to the WSPs.

In the FY 2017-2018 the department spent Ksh 50 Million while in the FY 2018-2019 Ksh 41 Million was spent in direct support to the water service providers.

The Environment, Natural Resources and Sanitation directorate were previously under you. What was the main achievements for the last two years before it was moved to County Public Service?

The department made tremendous achievements including riparian conservation through planting of bamboo and indigenous trees, review of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports of projects and developments in Nyeri County, drafting of county riparian and wetlands conservation policy, pitching for and the Inclusion of Nyeri County in the Redd+ programme for forestry through UNDP drafting of County Quarrying and Mining Policy, county and school greening programme supplied tree seedlings to over 200 schools, improved sewerage services, street sweeping and waste management in the county, public engagement and sensitization through communal street sweeping and litter disposal.



The issue of waste management has been a menace in Nyeri county especially Nyeri town. What measures did you take as a CEC to address the issue?

The department was able to develop County Solid Waste Management Policy, Development of County Environment Policy, Drafting of the county waste Management Bill, purchasing of solid management equipment i.e. bulldozer, 16 skips, one skip loader, one side loader, construction of refuse, 20 chambers hiring of seven environment officers, two foresters, and 191 sanitation staff through contract. The department is also in the process of establishing a solid waste transfer station),

There has been a tree planting programme in schools and forests. How far has this programme gone and what are your thoughts on climate change?

The issue of climate change in Nyeri County is addressed through several fronts by the County and National Government, through creation of awareness and building resilience for the community. Currently, we have programs through the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture and the National Drought Management projects.

To fully address and mainstream climate change in the county development programs, the department has embarked on establishing a climate change unit in the county. The directorate will play a key role in projects designing, planning and fundraising. This will enhance community sensitization and development projects for resilience. These will include increase in tree cover, rain water harvesting, reduction of green house gases through sustainable agriculture practice and waste management among many others.

The department has also planted trees in over 200 schools across the county in the last two financial years.



The County Government's boreholes were to be fitted with pumps and solar panels in collaboration with Davis and Shirliff Company. What is the situation now?

The programme is a partnership between the County and the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC). Installation of solar was contracted to Davis and Shirliff who are expected to be through by close of this financial year.

Your department has now been restructured, remaining with Water and Irrigation Services, what is your vision for this docket?

We are focused on improved water services and irrigation system development as envisioned in the county development agenda. Currently we have less than 65% of the county population accessing treated water. With development of more water treatment plants, we expect to raise the number to over 80% in the next two financial years. This will be achieved through direct budget allocation

and concerted efforts in fundraising.

We also intend to do close monitoring of WSPs to ensure non revenue water losses are brought to the acceptable percentage of below 25% in the remaining water companies.

Further, we plan to increase area under irrigation. In this, we shall focus on water harvesting by construction of earth dams and water pans up to the household level and development of sustainable water use working with youth groups and women to develop.



Nyeri ranked among top 10 in the 2nd annual KUSP

By Andrew Kariuki

The County Government of Nyeri, through the department of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urbanization and Municipal Board, had its compliance status approved for disbursement of funds to the county.

This came after a performance assessment that was conducted in 59 municipalities concerning the standards for eligibility to take part in the funding through the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP). Nyeri Municipality

was ranked among the top 10 municipalities which met the required Urban Development Grant (UDG) minimum conditions.

This disbursement of funds is aimed primarily at the scheduled completion of the Nyeri Bus Termini project to avoid the stalling of the project. The termini is set to create direct employment of over 5,000 people within Nyeri, decongest the town and provide added social services in Asian Quarters and the neighboring estates.



The ongoing flagship project of Nyeri Bus Termini at Asian Quarters which is jointly funded by World Bank and County Government of Nyeri.

In memory of a freedom hero

By Jackline Gikunju & Vanessa Ngunjiri

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga graced the 63rd commemoration of Field Marshal Dedan Kimathi at Dedan Kimathi Secondary School in Tetu sub-county. This event was preceded by tree planting at the monument site at Kahiga-ini, the place where Kimathi was shot and subdued by collaborators. County Government of Nyeri has already erected a monument in honour of the former freedom fighter at the area in remembrance of Dedan Kimathi

The annual event was auspicious in remembering the people who fought for the freedom that Kenyans enjoy.

As such, he pledged to ensure that residents of the 33 colonial villages are issued with title deeds to give them a feeling of belonging. The Governor who was accompanied by Mukami Kimathi, widow of Kimathi, hailed Kimathi's daughter Ms Evelyn Wanjugu for her efforts to unite all Mau Mau members.

He called upon the other counties to follow Nyeri's footsteps in honouring freedom fighters by providing them with health insurance cover. County Government of Nyeri offers BIMA Afya cover to 3,000 elderly, and plans to advance to 6,000 beneficiaries.

He also called upon the national government to ensure the body of Dedan Kimathi is found so that he can be accorded a befitting burial. Kimathi was buried at Kamiti Maximum Prison after being executed by British colonizers.



Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga addressing the people who attended the 63rd commemoration of Field Marshal Dedan Kimathi at Kahiga-ini village, Tetu where the County Government of Nyeri constructed a monument of Kimathi.



Nyeri Governor (third right) with Nyeri Deputy Governor Dr. H.E Caroline Karugu with other leaders during the ceremony. **BELOW:** Nyeri Governor (left) consulting with Field Marshal Muthoni Kirima and Kimathi Foundation Chief Executive Evelyne Wanjugu.



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI
Department of Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Development
invites you to compete in:

NYERI CULTURAL FESTIVAL AUDITIONS

Competitions will include:
cultural groups, cultural and contemporary music, poetry, acrobat, dances and miss tourism
Time: 9am-5pm

Date	Sub-County	Venue
16th March 2020	Mathira East	PCEA Hall
17th March 2020	Mathira West	Kiriko PCEA Hall
18th March 2020	Tetu	Education Hall
19th March 2020	Nyeri Town	YMCA Hall
20th March 2020	Othaya	CDF Hall
23rd March 2020	Kieni East	PCEA Hall
24th March 2020	Kieni West	CDF Hall
25th March 2020	Mukurweini	Muhito PCEA Hall

For more information contact: 0207840588 or trade@nyeri.go.ke

**WITHI NA UKURIA WA UNDIURE WITU
(YOUTH FOR DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE)**

In support of Nyeri bus termini project

Local residents recognized this as the only project which will create jobs for thousands of the jobless youths in town.

By Njambi Mugo & Vanessa Ngunjiri



From left Nyeri nominated MCA Hon. Rose Kamau, Rware ward MCA Hon. Paul Kanyari, Lands CEC Dr. Kwai Wanjaria, Nyeri County Secretary Ben Gachichio and NEMA Compliance and Enforcement Officer Marrian Kioko during the public hearing forum. BELOW: Nyeri town residents follow proceedings.

Nyeri town residents overwhelmingly supported the Nyeri Bus Termini project.

The National Environment and Management Authority (NEMA) held a public hearing at the site of the flagship project where the local residents recognized this as the only project which will create jobs for thousands of the jobless youths in town and also improve the social economic status of the area.

Speaker after speaker lauded the project and opposed any move which might stall the project which is expected to benefit over 10,000 people directly.

NEMA had organized the forum in order to hear public views from wananchi after the submission of the environmental impact assessment report of the project.

Some of these benefits include: decongestion of Nyeri town, reduction of traffic jams which will result in economic development, expansion of Nyeri town and creation of employment opportunities for Nyeri residents. The project, which is jointly funded by the World Bank and the County Government of Nyeri at a cost of Sh 600 Million, involves 1,000 business stalls, 300 matatu bus parking bays, half an acre of open air market, garage one acre, lorries parking area, 100 taxi parking bays,

four storey business centre, a police post, a fire station, five sanitation blocks, a green park and a county office during the first phase.

Dr. Wanjaria, CEC Lands, Physical planning, Housing and Urbanisation, said this will be the biggest bus termini in the country once it's complete in June this year.



Vetting for national ID issuance to street families

By Dynah Mwangi



Some of the Nyeri street children during the ID vetting exercise.

The national ID card is a vital document that allows one to vote, secure employment, purchase property, access government opportunities and services among others.

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services presented 10 street children to the ID vetting committee. This is a nationwide exercise that is conducted by the ministry of immigration to help gather bio data for individuals with unknown nationality or lack birth records with an aim of verifying whether they qualify to get the ID card.

The exercise was conducted at the Nyeri Central Deputy County Commissioner's office where 18 other individuals were also vetted.

Health workers training on management and control of communicable diseases

By Muthoni Kanja

Nurses and clinical officers underwent a lucrative training session to sharpen their knowledge on the control of pneumonia and diarrhoea.

The module comprised of; identifying danger signs associated with pneumonia and diarrhoea, Integrated Management of Newborn and Childhood Diseases (IMNCD) chart booklet and recording forms, assessment and classification for cough and difficulties in breathing, assessment of diarrhoea and classifying the degree of dehydration, prevention, identification and treatment for children with diarrhoea.

The training took place courtesy of Amref Health Africa in partnership with Nyeri County Health department.

Following other trainings on Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) it was deemed important to train clinical officers and the nurses who are also frontline health workers.



Nyeri health workers during the training on management and control of communicable diseases.



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RE ADVERTISEMENT - TENDER NOTICE

Bids are invited from eligible and qualified firms for the under mentioned works.

TENDER REFERENCE	NEGOTIATION NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTIONS	ELIGIBILITY	BID BOND
CGN/GYSS/73/2019-2020	779800-2019/2020	PROPOSED 2NO. STAFF HOUSES,ABLUTION BLOCK AND SEPTIC TANK AT IHURURU REHABILITATION CENTRE	YOUTH	NIL

Interested bidders can view the tender document in the County Government of Nyeri website (www.nyeri.go.ke) and/or the IFMIS tender portal: www.supplier.treasury.go.ke using the unique IFMIS negotiation number given above or <https://tenders.go.ke>.

NB-There will be a mandatory pre-site meeting on **25TH February 2020 at 10.00 a.m.** Complete tender documents must be submitted through the IFMIS SUPPLIER Portal: www.supplier.treasury.go.ke so as to be received on or before **6TH March 2020 at 11:00am** as indicated in the IFMIS PORTAL.

Those Firms with ongoing/stalled contracts in Nyeri County will not be considered.

Bidders MUST also submit a hardcopy of their bid in plain sealed envelopes with the tender number clearly marked and bearing no indication of the identity of the tenderers and should be addressed to:

**THE COUNTY SECRETARY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI
P. O BOX 1112 - 10100, NYERI**

And placed in the tender box located at the Governor's Office Ground Floor or sent by post to reach on or before **6TH March 2020 at 11:00am.**

Submitted tender documents shall be opened publicly soon after the above stated closing date and time in the County Secretary Boardroom, in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend. Late bids shall not be accepted or opened.

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Health workers training on program based budget

By Caroline Kariuki

Nyeri County Health workers underwent a Program Based Budget (PBB) training at the county and sub-county levels at Boma Inn Hotel.

PBB is a structure where funds are distributed by program or functional area based on the nature of activities performed. The PBB is important in determining the prominence of needs, planning and managing service delivery and also aligning spending with program objectives.

Participants were taken through the Annual Work Plan (AWP) updated template, details of the performance contract and their roles in implementing it as well as feedback dissemination on the customer satisfaction survey in selected facilities.

Health Department Chief Officer Newton Wambugu, lauded the participants for their good work and urged them to continue with the same energy. He also urged them to be innovative in creating strong and sustainable systems.

The director of health services Dr. Nelson Muriu advised them to maximize on the available resources and use them prudently. He also emphasized on the aspect of planning adequately ahead of times to avoid the last minute rush. The department has pledged full support to

all their staff and clients by providing relevant interventions to their challenges.



A section of the Nyeri health workers during the training on program based budget.

Coffee farmers' capacity building

By Liz Mwangi

The CEC Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries James Muturi had a chance of meeting with a team from Coffee Research Institute and commodities fund to discuss a partnership in capacity building for coffee farmers through a project dubbed- Integrated Coffee Development Project (ICDP).

So far, Kiama and Thiriku coffee co-operatives have already been identified as entry points. In each of the two, 25 farmers will be identified for support which will include improved coffee seedlings.

These farmers will host the coffee field schools and preferably the youth. The project will closely work with the extension officers to ensure sustainability.

Your say on Facebook



Top Fan

Fredrick Nderitu

Mr GOVERNOR, thanks for good work you are doing in nyeri county. but some institutions are working so much to make you fail. visit kiandu dispensary. its terrible..



Julia Wachira

Yes !the chvs do a lot in the community but they have no spokesman in the county assembly to talk on their behalf .There is need for change



John Gitahi

I have no problem with celebrating the hero. My problem is that the remaining heroes are dying one after another without getting what they were fighting for... Land.



Gabriel Nderitu

First phase of the seven and a half kilometers .At least watu WA mashinani wanaendelea kuona kazi ya Governor na MCA!



Top Fan

Carolina Nyakish

The County Department of Health in partnership with Amref Health Africa is doing a great job in our County...keep up 🍌🍌



Boniface Diverdan

Through wisdom-led stewardship by **Governor Mutahi Kahiga**, Nyeri has been rising. Kudos team.

Recarpeting of Gakere Road

By Peter Mubari

The process of recarpeting Gakere road, Nyeri town (*inset*) with patching of potholes began last week. Patching involves attending to the individual potholes by removing damaged handpacked layer and replacing it; later laying quarry dust and tarmac (bitumen).

After patching of potholes, an overlay will be done which simply is the tarmacking of the road. Along Gakere road stretch there are ongoing drainage works. These drainage works involve desilting and unclogging both open drains and pipe culverts of different sizes. At Kuku lane, a U-drain has been replaced by the pipe culverts. There is also marking out and replacement of carbros of parking spaces at Gakere road and Kuku lane. The expected duration in which this project will take is about five months and will cover one kilometer. This recarpeting will be an advantage to motorists and commercial

vehicles that ply the route daily.

The County Government of Nyeri is committed in improving other roads in major towns with the county.



Agriculture CEC visits Chia project

By Liz Mwangi

The CEC Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries James Wachihi paid a visit to the chia project site at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DEKUT) and had a sharing with the project coordinator and other officers with an aim of working together.

Chia has been in various exhibitions such as the Central Kenya ASK show and Wambugu ATC farmers' exhibition.

The objectives of the project are developing chia value chain through research at DEKUT, promoting chia farming and value addition among small stakeholder farmers in Nyeri County and Exploring the potential marketing opportunities for the chia products.

Chia products include chia seeds, chia composite flour, chia oil omega 3 capsules, chia leaves herbal tisane and chia leaves herbal power.

The CEC also visited the chia demonstration farm and the Seed to Table Innovators which is undertaken by students.

He promised to meet the Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga for the workshop.

He also affirmed that the Agricultural Directorate Nyeri County will work with other Chia project partners to ensure the success of the project.

Handing over of Kiboya-Karuiru borehole project

By Boniface Gichuki

The drilling and equipping of Kiboya-Karuiru borehole has officially been completed and handed over to the County Government of Nyeri and Kiboya-Karuiru water project committee.

The project was being done by the County Government of Nyeri in collaboration with Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC).

The borehole which has been equipped with solar panels and pumps will serve more than 300 households from Gakawa ward, Kieni East sub-county.

The CEC Water, Fredrick Kinyua witnessed the handing over and reiterated the County Government of Nyeri's commitment to providing clean, safe and affordable water for both domestic and irrigation use to its residents.

Present during the handing over were Hon Amos N. Kanyai MCA Gakawa ward, Mr. Loyd Nyaga from REREC, department of Water and Irrigation officers, local administration and members from the local community.

