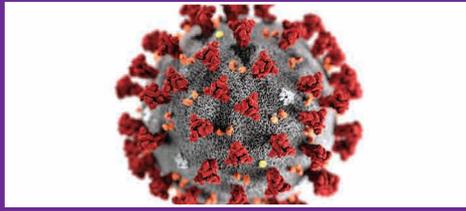




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## Nyeri leads the pack in new World Bank rating

*Nyeri County has yet again been rated among the top best performing counties in the new ratings released by the World Bank under the KDSP.*



Nyeri County has ultimately romped to the top of the World Bank's KDSP rating! Nyeri's winning streak has now come to fruition with the release of the level two performance grants for Financial Year 2019/2020, now placing Nyeri in 1st position. According to the schedule of Level 2 performance grants to county governments under the Kenya Devolution Support Programme (KDSP), Nyeri has emerged at the top alongside three other counties tying at position one (Nyeri, Nyandarua, Makueni and Elgeyo/Marakwet), with each getting an equal tranche of Ksh.184,795,683.

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### Governor's byte



“The County Government is only responsible for collecting the samples, but testing, confirming and reporting of results of samples collected, is the mandate of the Ministry of Health, hence any other source(s) of information should be disregarded. People should be vigilant and follow the laid down government's directives such as wearing masks, maintaining social distance and washing their hands to curb the further spread of Covid-19.”

H.E Mutahi Kahiga.  
Governor, Nyeri County



*“We have reclaimed Nyeri’s long lost glory as a working and performing county, that was accustomed to averaging 29% points at position 45 to the top ranking in the country. The County Government of Nyeri’s staff are the real heroes for their commitment to serve their own people as we continue to offer leadership to excellence,” H.E Mutahi Kahiga*



*Naromoru Level 4 Hospital in Kieni East now at the roofing stage. The hospital is aimed at serving the larger Kieni constituency that accounts for over 52% of Nyeri County and is not served by such a medical facility.*

*By governor’s press team*

Nyeri topped after the ranking which is based on the following parameters;

- 1) Public Financial Management
- 2) Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
- 3) Human Resource and Performance Management
- 4) Civic Education and Public Participation
- 5) Investment Implementation, Social and Environmental Performance

The County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga has bagged an additional funding of Ksh. 184.7 million to add to the Ksh. 229 million that the county won last year when Nyeri emerged at position 2. The money obtained in the first allocation was channeled towards the construction of Naromoru Level 4 hospital. This hospital is aimed at serving the larger Kieni constituency that accounts for over 52% of Nyeri County and is not served by such a medical facility.

In year 2017/2018, the same ranking placed Nyeri number 45 out of 47 while in the last financial year 2019/2020, the county was rated at position two after tremendous improvement.

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The Kenya Devolution Support Program (KDSP) is a four-year program of USD 200M financed by the World Bank to support capacity building and technical assistance at the county level. This program supports capacity building and institutional strengthening in the five key result areas as identified in the national capacity building framework. The NCBF was developed in 2013 to identify the capacity needs of county governments. It was further revised in 2015 to cover emerging areas of capacity building like technical assistance, on the job learning and knowledge and exchange programs. It supports capacity building at the county level in the following five Key Result Areas (KRAs).

- KRA 1- Public Financial Management

- County Revenue Management, Budget, IFMIS, Financial Accounting, Recording and Reporting, Procurement, Internal and External Audit.

- KRA 2 Planning and Monitoring and Evaluation:

- County Planning and updated County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) guidelines, County M&E including County Integrated Monitoring & Evaluation System (CIMES) guidelines.

- KRA 3 Human Resources and Performance Management

- County Developing County staffing plans, competency frameworks, efficient systems, processes and procedures, performance management systems.

- KRA 4 Civic Education and Public Participation

- Civic education, public participation including means to enhance transparency and accountability and public grievances handling mechanism

- KRA 5 Investment Implementation, Social and Environmental Performance

- Rate of projects implementation and maintenance arrangements, social and environmental safeguards.



*H.E Mutahi Kahiga receiving wheat flour donations from Bakex Miller Company's Director Mr. Benju Shah outside his office. The governor assured the team that the flour would only go to those that are genuinely in need.*



PHOTOS | PETER WANGARI

## Bakex Millers donates flour worth Kshs. 1 million

By Jackline Gikunju

**B**akex Millers Company donated wheat flour worth Kshs. 1 million to the County Government of Nyeri to go to vulnerable families adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

This came after the governor called upon all people of good will to chip in and support the Nyeri Emergency Covid-19 Fund, a kitty that was established to aid needy families who have been affected by the pandemic.

The company director Mr. Benju Shah, while handing the donations to governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga said the donations will go a long way in sustaining those families. The governor

appreciated the gesture noting that it is a huge achievement to have the private sector joining in the fight against Covid-19.

He assured the team that the flour would only go to those that are genuinely in need and thanked them for answering the call for donations all the way from Thika, Kiambu County. Bakex Millers is part of the Broadway Group of Companies, which includes Broadway Bakery Limited. It produces the Bakex brand of wheat products such as Oboma and Phulka Atta flour.

## Donation from Biashara Sacco

By Njambi Mugo

The County Government of Nyeri through H. E Governor Mutahi Kahiga was thankful to receive a donation of Kshs. 100,000 from Biashara Sacco team, Nyeri branch.

The team led by the chairman Mr. Kamau Njamuku noted that the effort is geared towards the fight against Covid-19 in Nyeri County.

Governor Kahiga thanked the team for heeding to his call and for their noble gesture noting it will go a long way in the fight against Coronavirus pandemic.

The governor assured the board that every cent will go to the intended needy families. He also called upon other well wishers to also donate in a bid to support the vulnerable ones within the society.

For those who wish to donate, they can do so through the Mpesa paybill number is 400222, account number is 562706#Your Name. You can also deposit directly to Co-oper-

ative Bank, Account Number 01141991686400-Nyeri County Covid 19 Fund.



*H.E Mutahi Kahiga receiving a cheque of Kshs. 100,000 from Biashara Sacco team, Nyeri branch led by their chairman Mr. Kamau Njamuku*

PHOTO | PETER WANGARI

# Water tanks donation from One Acre Fund

By Njambi Mugo

The County Government of Nyeri through H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga was grateful to receive a donation of 20 water tanks of 500 litres each from One Acre Fund.

Governor Kahiga thanked the organization for their timely gesture and noted that the durable tanks will be placed in public places such as bus stages and markets for the purpose of hand washing by the general public.

Wambui Ngatia, a representative from One Acre Fund, noted that this is yet another effort which is geared towards fighting Covid-19 pandemic in Nyeri County.



TOP: Some of the 20 water tanks of 500 litres each donated by One Acre Fund. ABOVE: H.E Mutahi Kahiga receiving the tanks from One Acre Fund representative Wambui Ngatia (right).

## Family Bank's contribution to the Nyeri Covid-19 fund

By Jackline Gikunju

“Family Bank Nyeri branch has donated Ksh. 500,000 and PPE kits among other medical supplies in a bid to support those affected by the pandemic and the front line soldiers in the fight.”

In response to the governor's call for donations to fight the raging pandemic, Family Bank Nyeri branch has donated Ksh. 500,000 and PPE kits among other medical supplies in a bid to support those affected by the pandemic and the front line soldiers in the fight.

Speaking while handing over the donations to Nyeri Governor H. E Mutahi Kahiga, the bank's head of retail Mr. Simon Ndung'u said that they

were happy to partner with the county to ensure the war against Covid-19 is won.

Governor Kahiga thanked the team for heeding the distress call and reiterated that this is not a government's fight only, but one that requires everyone to take personal responsibility. He urged all to come together at a time like this noting that a people united can never be defeated.



H.E Mutahi Kahiga (centre) receiving a dummy cheque of Kshs. 500,000 and PPE kits among other medical supplies from Family Bank team led by the bank's head of retail Mr. Simon Ndung'u (second right).

# Donation from Taifa Sacco Board

By Njambi Mugo

The County Government of Nyeri through H. E Governor Mutahi Kahiga was grateful to receive a cheque donation of Kshs. 100,000 from the Taifa Sacco Board. The team led by their chairman Mr. James Giting'a Gathura noted that this is a concerted effort geared towards the fight against Coronavirus in Nyeri County.

Governor Kahiga thanked the board for their noble gesture and called upon other well wishers to also donate in a bid to support the vulnerable ones within the society.

He further urged Nyeri people to stay safe, wash their hands, wear masks and maintain social distancing.

Those who wish to donate can do so through Mpesa Paybill Number- 400222, Account Number- 562706#Your Name.

One can also deposit directly to Co-operative Bank, Account Number 01141991686400-Nyeri County Covid 19 Fund.



*H.E Mutahi Kahiga (left) receiving a Kshs. 100,000 cheque donation (inset) from Taifa Sacco Board team led by their chairman Mr. James Giting'a Gathura (right).*



PHOTOS | KENNEDY KARANIA

# Families benefit from the county emergency relief program

Story & photo | Dynah Mwangi



The Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services has continued fulfilling its social responsibility role of offering relief to disaster victims across the county by visiting three families two of whom are from Mukurwe-ini sub-county and one from Othaya sub-county.

The department's officers visited Patrick Wanjigi of Gakanuini village, Mukurwe-ini West ward who was affected by a fire tragedy recently. The second visit was to Peter Kamau of Karaba village, Gikondi ward whose house collapsed as a result of dampening of the ground on which his house stood on. Lastly, they visited a fire tragedy victim in Giathaimu village, Othaya sub-county. In aid of these families, the department donated some building materials to help in rebuilding their houses. Residents have been asked to report to the sub-county social welfare officers whenever there is a need as the department is always there to accord necessary support.

# What to do if you suspect you might have Covid-19

Story | Muthoni Kanja

Covid-19 is a respiratory disease caused by a new virus SARS-CoV-2. In the past three months since the first case was confirmed in Kenya, the numbers have continued to escalate by the day and so has its distribution across counties. Nyeri has been among the recent counties to be hit by the pandemic with the first two cases being confirmed on the 28th May, 2020. So far, the county has confirmed three more cases bringing the total to five.

The county government through the Department of Health continues to engage the forward gear in the fight against this pandemic. Public awareness is among the key role of the department which is in line with that we seek to advice on what one should do if you find yourself exhibiting symptoms similar to those of Coronavirus.

**Monitor your symptoms-** the most common symptoms of coronavirus are; dry cough, fever, headache, sneezing, and difficulty in breathing. Ensure you keep a record of such symptoms. If possible use a digital thermometer to check your body temperature.

**Separate yourself-** if you are at home you are advised to separate yourself from members of the household or pets. Use a separate room and bathroom if possible. In cases where you have to share bathroom, ensure it's thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after use. Avoid sharing personal household items like utensils, towels, beddings.

**Take care of yourself-** get plenty of rest and stay hydrated. Practice cough etiquette which involves coughing or sneezing into a flexed elbow or using a disposable tissue. Wear a face mask or cover your nose and mouth. Wash your hands often with soap and running water for at least twenty seconds or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.

**Clean and disinfect all high touch surfaces-** these include door knobs, counters, remotes, phones and others where one may have come into contact with. The caregiver is also advised to wear gloves and a mask when cleaning.

**Contact a healthcare provider-** at such an occurrence, you are advised to avoid using public means to get to the hospital since this may increase chances of transmitting the virus. Instead, contact a healthcare provider and clue them on the symptoms or any other underlying issues. In addition, let him/ her know why you suspect of infection.

County Government of Nyeri has set aside a stand-by ambulance whose purpose is to transport any suspected cases. Nyeri residents are encouraged to call the ambulance number, 0717 001 649, in case of a suspected case instead of using public means to get to the hospital. All one is required is to give directions to their location.

Stay safe; Wash your hands, wear a face mask, maintain social distancing, stay at home, practice cough etiquette.



## Nyeri traders thank governor for saving their businesses

By Joseph Wambugu

Nyeri small scale traders have thanked the County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga for relocating their businesses to Dedan Kimathi Kamukunji stadium in Nyeri town rather than closing their operations down.

The over 700 traders who were initially operating along Gakere road, Kimathi way and central business district have been re-located to the stadium and will operate from there until the Covid-19 disease is eradicated.

The department of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives was involved in marking of the spaces, ensuring that they are two metres apart and there are passing ways in a bid to ensure that social distancing is maintained while carrying out their operations.

The government provided this venue as a way of supporting the traders who are eking out a living in selling of their goods.

Further, the county government is planning to come up with a long term solution for the small scale traders.

They have been urged to adhere to the government's directive of regular cleaning and sanitizing hands, social distancing and wearing of face masks.



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*New Ithekahuno market shed in Aguthi /Gaa-ki ward, Tetu sub-county constructed by the Department of Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Development.*



*Trenches have already been dug for the ongoing Lower Kakuret water project in Thegu River ward, Kieni East. The water will be used by locals for irrigation and domestic use.*

*The construction of a new modern Muruguru Social Hall in progress at Muruguru / Gatitu ward, Nyeri Central sub-county.*



*The ongoing construction of milk sheds in Mweiga ward, Kieni West sub-county. The aim is to empower farmers by ensuring the milk is safe for quality purpose.*



*Upper Thung'are Hill Masonry tank is now complete. The modern tank in Thegu River ward, Kieni East sub-county will provide water for domestic use and irrigation to Thung'are and Nyange residents.*

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Recently upgraded Giakaibei-Ndumanu road in Magutu ward, Mathira East sub-county.



Upgrading of roads within Nyeri town, Rware Ward in progress.



Upgrading of access roads which include Kiamukanda stretch (almost 10km), Matiriongo Bridge to Matiriongo Tea Collection Center, Ichamugure access road, Kihari-Kiangima access road in Kiamuya, Ha Magego access road among others in Chinga ward, Othaya sub-county.



Newly installed streets lights at Gwa Kigera road in Muruguru / Gatitu ward are now operational.



Newly installed street lights at Kwa J trading centre in Thegu River ward, Kiini East sub county.



A culvert being constructed at Lusoi - Kandune road to ensure drainage of water along Kandune River after upgrading of the road. This is at Thegu River ward in Kiini East sub county.

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*The tarmacking process of Classic - Ngangariithi Primary - Muthaiga Estate road is ready to start. This is in Kamakwa/ Mukaro ward near Nyeri town.*



*New street lights have been installed in Githoithiroo, Kwa Murungu road, Thuta, Kwa Waiharo, Kwa Father, Kiamuiru, Gatitu Gichagi areas in Muruguru /Gatitu ward, Nyeri Central sub-county.*



*Newly installed streetlights in Njoguini, Dedan Kimathi ward, Tetu subcounty. The streetlights will provide lighting, security and longer trading hours to the residents of the area.*



*Murraming of Kimenjo-Cattle Dip road in Mweiga ward. The road has never been murramed since Mau Mau period despite being a busy road.*



*Recently upgraded Kakuret Village road in Thegu River ward, Kienu East sub county.*

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Newly installed Itheakua streetlights in Ruring'u ward, Nyeri Central sub-county.



Karatina ward MCA Hon. Watson Weru assisting in ongoing murraming of General China-Highland roads in Mathira East.



## RWARE WARD:

1. Ongoing upgrading of parking spaces Nyeri town.
2. Ongoing drainage work at Chairman-Kangemi access roads.



The upgrading of Munyiri road in Thegu River ward in Kiini East sub-county is complete.



First phase rehabilitation of Mweiga drainage system in Kiini West which has been in a mess for over 40 years. Looking on is Mweiga MCA Hon. Kawanjiku Kawanjiku



Construction of Mutathiini (Rahab) bridge, Wakamata in Kirimukuyu ward. The fabricated footbridge sections are complete and delivered at the construction site. The contractor is waiting for levels to subside so as construction work can continue. The bridge will connect Mathira and Tetu sub-counties.