



World Bank KUSP team thumbs up Bus Termini Project



PHOTOS SAMWEL GITONGA

A team from Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP) inspecting the ongoing Nyeri Main Bus Termini based at Asian Quarters in Nyeri town. On the third left is Nyeri Lands CEC Dr. Kwai Wanjaria and Nyeri Municipal Board Chairman Jeremiah Ichaura.

By Njambi Mugo

With only 10% remaining for the completion of the Nyeri Main Bus Termini, the County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of H. E Governor Mutahi Kahiga has been lauded by a team from the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP) for the smooth implementation of the project and his great oversight role. The Bus Termini is a flag-

ship project by the County Government of Nyeri in partnership with the World Bank through KUSP. It is located at Asian Quarters in Nyeri town.

The Kenya World Bank Support Programme (KUSP) is a World Bank funded programme that is aimed at establishing and strengthening urban entities in a bid to improve infrastructure and

service delivery in counties that qualify. Nyeri county, having met the requisite parameters, joined the list of participating counties that fall under the umbrella of KUSP. It is evident that rapid urbanization is accompanied by economic growth and prosperity and this is an outcome whose fruition will be witnessed in Nyeri once the Nyeri Bus Ter-

mini project is completed. The County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of governor Kahiga is continually working with World Bank cordially by meeting expectations and adhering to set guidelines, protocols and procedures to maximize on the gains of this partnership.

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The World Bank through KUSP has been granting the County Government of Nyeri funds to finance the construction of the ultra-modern bus termini, which is being implemented by the Department of Lands, Housing, Planning and Urbanization together with the Nyeri Municipal Board. A total of Kshs. 600 million have been budgeted for the first phase.

Eng. Charles Mutunga, the team leader noted that they are currently visiting counties including Nyeri County to monitor the progress be-

ing done in the implementation of the projects within their municipalities.

He lauded the leadership of Nyeri County for the progress made in the construction and implementation of the bus termini, a multi-tier project running for three financial years and is almost complete for the first phase. “The termini is a good investment that is going to turn around the economic empowerment of the Nyeri citizenry and control management of traffic as well as decongest Nyeri town while expanding development

to the larger urban area of Nyeri Municipality,” added Eng. Mutunga.

Prof. Caleb Mireri, an Urban Planning Advisor with the State Department for Housing & Urban Development noted that he is happy with the progress of the project adding that it is a great project that will have ripple positive effects to the Nyeri residents.

Prof. Mireri added that the World Bank is particular on timely delivery and urged the departments involved to get the work done and

completed within the agreed timeframe. He further advised the project implementers to comply with the social safeguard and environmental issues which are paramount for one to remain competitive in the World Bank ranking.

“Further improvement should be done to ensure that the area is attractive, in particular greening of the area. Pedestrian walks, holding grounds for leisure within the park will be quite critical hence should be strengthened,” he advised.

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He further urged the implementers to prepare a local plan for regenerating and supporting the development of Asian Quarters in Nyeri town as well as to protect the River Githwariga an ecological resource within the bus park.

David Sakwa from the State Department of Urban Development also lauded the project implementation noting that the work done by the county government is quite impressive.



He also trained officers implementing the project on the use of Geo Enable Monitoring and Supervision (GEMS), an app piloted by KUSP to monitor the progress of projects.

“The app will monitor the progress of the project while relaying the data remotely even to the World Bank, since it is an online platform and the collection tool is an open source android software based,” noted Sakwa. He also urged the contractors to finalize the project within the stipulated time.

Governor Kahiga has termed the multi-million project as transformational noting that it will bring about an economic turn around and pro-

gression for the people of Nyeri, taking it back to its lost glory as an ideal place to live and work in for generations to come.

Nyeri Lands CEC Dr. Kwai Wanjaria noted the Nyeri Main Bus Termini will be the biggest transport termini upon its completion in East Africa. He thanked the KUSP team who had come to assess the progress of the project as well as welcomed their encouragement and support.

Dr. Kwai expressed his gratitude to the governor for his continued support and his guidance towards the implementation of the project. He noted that the project which is almost done, will lead to an economic transformation

by creating over 10,000 job opportunities directly. The CEC further added that not only will it promote small and medium sized businesses but it will also benefit the neighborhood around as well as the larger Nyeri.

In addition, both the department and the municipal board have remained committed to upgrading the access roads to bitumen standard as well as installing street lights in a bid to promote a 24-hour economy and improve security in the area.

“We remain committed to implementing the project and completing the first phase in time, and are projecting that come this June,

the bus termini will be operational,” added the CEC.

Nyeri Municipal Board Chairman Jeremiah Ichaura noted that through collaboration with the Department of Lands and guidance from the governor, they have been able to successfully implement the construction of the bus termini which is now almost done.

Mr. Ichaura further noted that the county government is cognizant of common collecting money from wanchi with a promise of issuing them with stalls. He warned the people of Nyeri from falling victims of such, reiterating the governor's words that space allocation will be done in an open and transparent manner.



Once complete, the project will include 1,000 trading stalls, 98 booking bays, bus parking spaces, ticket offices, fire post, police post, sacco rooms, taxi bay, market, revenue offices, an ICT hub, a block of offices among others.



PHOTO | KENNEDY KARANJA

H.E Mutahi Kahiga (left) with other stakeholders during an open discussion on school reopening in Nairobi.

Kenya Editors' Guild Press Club luncheon

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By Kennedy Karanja

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga joined UNICEF Kenya Representative Maniza Zaman, Kenya Editors' Guild President Churchill Otieno, National Parents Association representatives, Religious representatives, editors from various media houses and other education stakeholders for an open discussion on school reopening that was co-hosted by UNICEF Kenya and the Kenya Editors' Guild. The meeting was held at Sarova Pan Afric Hotel, Nairobi. The purpose and focus of this meeting was to promote media professionalism and credibility with the resumption of schools and explain the science behind COVID-19 and children. It plights to address and frame the media agenda for editors as they determine the stories to be covered,

framing of issues and their presentation to various audiences.

As the CoG Education Committee Chair and Former Chairperson of National Parents Association Nyeri County, governor Kahiga thanked the National Government for its efforts to track resumption of learning in ECDE Centres across counties.

The governor further added that the Council of Governors has ensured provision of child-friendly counselling in learning institutions to address challenges faced during the nine-month break in areas of upbringing and morality. He urged parents and guardians to have a duty and responsibility to nurture their children in the best way possible.

‘Through all relevant Chil-

dren Departments across the National and County Governments, we have continued to ensure children rights are being observed at the school level. The county governments have also installed adequate water and hand-washing stations in County ECDE Centres and reactivated ECDE School Meals Programmes. In addition, we have ensured the resumption of all pre-primary 1 and pre-Primary 2 students in order to complete the syllabus by the end of the 2020 academic calendar in July 2021,’ governor Kahiga noted.

There were several challenges faced during the reopening of ECDE Centres but various interventions were made by the county governments such as allocation of more funds to support the education sector.

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Induction of the 3rd cohort of interns



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By Njambi Mugo

The Department of Public Service Management, Environment & Sanitation carried out an induction training for the third cohort interns at Whispers Park Hall, Nyeri town.

The 187 newly recruited interns were advised to observe the code of conduct and ethics for public officers by the department's CEC Beth Karimi.

The CEC also urged them to carry out their duties efficiently, honestly and diligently to the citizenry of Nyeri County.

The County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga recruits about 200 interns annually with an aim of providing



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them with a platform to work and gain experience. They are then attached to various departments for one year where

they are mentored by seasoned public servants drawn from various fields of expertise.

In brief...

The County Government of Nyeri recently upgraded the Express- Barclays road in Karatina ward, Mathira East sub-county to bitumen standard. The 250-metre road, which has not been tarmacked since 1989, is part of the ongoing upgrading of roads within Karatina and Nyeri towns. The road will ease the movement of people as well as transportation of goods. So far, the county government has tarmacked 13 kilometres of roads, upgraded 660 kilometres of earth roads to gravel standards as well as renovated Mukurwe-ini and Mweiga bus parks using cabro paving blocks.



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One on one with ICT Director Dadson Ngatia

By Governor's Press Unit

The directorate advises and guides the county government on ICT Policy, strategy and implementation while also interconnecting all departments across the county which has greatly improved ICT.

It has also been keen on automating business processes in the county which has greatly improved business turnaround time, efficiency and accountability in these key areas of service delivery.

Under which department is ICT domiciled?

The department is domiciled in the Office of the Governor under the County Secretary's office.

What are the functions of the ICT directorate?

- Advice and guide the county government on ICT Policy, strategy and implementation of ICT projects in compliance with national and county legal and regulatory requirements.
- Implement County/National ICT policy and e-Government master plans.
- Oversee the implementation and maintenance of ICT Infrastructure in line with ICT growth, plans and changing business requirements or technology advancements.
- Implementation of recommendation contained in the ICT transformation road-map that is anchored in the CIDP.

- Provide advisory services on automation of internal processes in liaison with users in order to provide enhanced operational efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery.

- Provide ICT service to the County Government that include carrying out system design, installations, analysis, configuration, repair and maintenance of local and wide area networks and associated peripherals.

- Ensure verification and validation of ICT equipment before commissioning.

- Manage and provide oversight for implementation of any ICT strategy and disaster recovery plans that minimize the risk of data loss and breach of privacy of County Government information data base.

- Design and development and maintenance of an interactive website where information for public consumption.

What is the importance of

connecting all departments in the County Government of Nyeri?

- Interconnecting enables you to totally centralize your company's IT infrastructure. In the county's case we have deployed a robust Wide Area Network (WAN) which has greatly improved ICT operations in the following ways.

- Privacy and Security: A WAN provides a direct, dedicated connection through which your data can pass. This limits opportunities for others to intercept your data as it is in transit between locations.

- Network Performance Consistency: Equally important, your data does not have to compete with other

Internet data for bandwidth as your communications travel between destinations. You get continuous access to all the bandwidth you are paying for. This allows your business to avoid throughput lags commonly experienced in the Internet.

- Infrastructure Management: Another WAN benefit relates to infrastructure management. The consistent performance and enhanced security noted above create a network environment in which you can effectively incorporate telecommunication solutions, such as VoIP. You therefore get the benefit of centralized management from a single dashboard for both your data network and telecommunications.



Has the department also connected all sub-county facilities like markets and hospitals within the County Government of Nyeri?

The County Government of Nyeri has connected all 8 sub-county offices, Mukurwe-ini Hospital, Karatina Hospital, Mt. Kenya Hospital and the newly constructed Naromoru Level 4 Hospital.

Tell us how ICT has improved service delivery in this government?

The Directorate has been keen on automating business processes in the county including: revenue collection, Elimu Bursary Fund, e-Recruitment portal among others.

By taking these strides it has not only greatly improved business turnaround time, efficiency and accountability in these key areas of service delivery but also through introduction of the Wide Area Network, satellite offices are able to share and enjoy resources available in the HQ.

The revenue directorate relies on your directorate heavily on matters of revenue collection. How has technology enhanced efficiency in revenue collection in Nyeri?

- The use of online payments methods has improved the collection of revenue for the county e.g. the

Nyeri pay.

- The system automation of the revenue activities has made it easy to serve our customers in a more efficient and reliable way.

- What is your mandate on the implementation and management of Information Systems?*

The Directorate is mandated to come up with Design Specifications for Management Information Systems that are deployed in the County. It also reserves administrator rights to these systems and issue other user rights to users upon requests by authorized authority.

Is your directorate involved in planning or it is just management of Information Systems?

The Directorate is involved in planning in terms of advisory in areas such as on ICT Policy, strategy and implementation of ICT projects in compliance with national and county legal and regulatory requirements, done through formulation of an ICT Roadmap/ ICT Strategic Plan.

Tell us about the management of network and communication services.

It includes administering and managing computer networks as well as communication services i.e. WAN, VOIP,

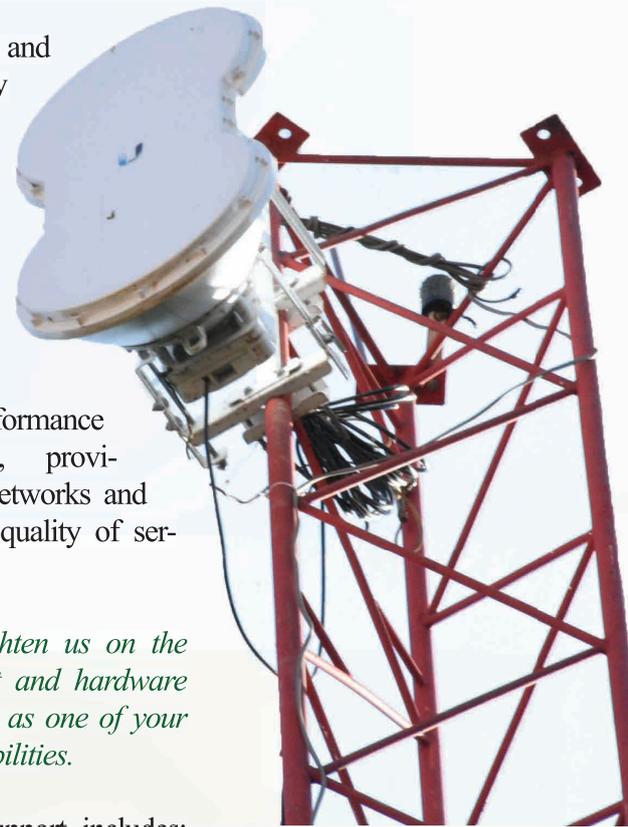
Telephony and other legacy Communication Systems. Services provided by this discipline include fault analysis, performance management, provisioning of networks and maintaining quality of service.

Kindly enlighten us on the user support and hardware maintenance as one of your key responsibilities.

This user support includes; helping the end user to use the systems in case of a query or in case of bugs we fix them and respond to questions about network system. Hardware maintenance entails all round maintenance of machines such as desktops, printers that are used in the offices in line with computing. In case of specialized equipment, we also come up with Service Level Agreements and Formulate Contracts for that purpose.

What common challenges do you face while discharging your duties?

Common challenges faced are lack of adequate staff in the ICT department, inadequate budgetary allocation and power outage.



What advice would you give to your colleagues on the use of internet responsibly?

- To practice safe browsing.
- Make online purchases and transactions from secure sites.
- Should be careful of what they download and the sites from which they download from.
- Keep passwords to themselves the same way they do not share M-Pesa pins.
- Report any sign of security breach or threats to the Directorate of ICT, be it on social media platforms or on other work related platforms.

CGN partnership with new KCC Kiganjo Factory

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Nyeri Agriculture CEC James Wachuhi held a consultative meeting with a team from New KCC Kiganjo Factory led by the Manager Mrs. F.M Munga to discuss on areas of partnership between the County Government of Nyeri and the factory. The discussions revolved around an enhanced part-

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nership and increasing the capacity of New KCC to take in more milk from Nyeri farmers in a bid to increase the amount of milk processed and marketed through formal channels.

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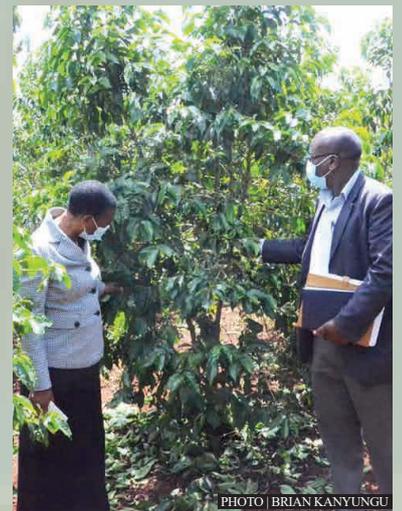
Other issues discussed included;

1. Partnership in exten-

sion and quality management: the factory has a lab capable of testing aflatoxin and antibiotics in milk.
2. Possibility of co-packing for a milk-feeding program targeting the ECD pupils: this is in line with the County food and nutrition policy.

3. The planned strategic feed and fodder reserve that the county government is working on.

The county government has been promoting production activities as well as organizing farmers into groups. Linkage to market will also go a long way in bettering their returns.



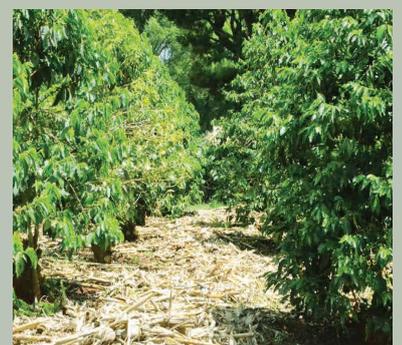
Routine visit to Wambugu ATC Farm

By Brian Kanyungu

The Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries officers led by the Chief Officer Ruth Mwangi paid a routine visit to Wambugu ATC Farm to inspect the progress of the recently rehabilitated coffee.

The Officer-in-charge of Industrial Crops Ephantus Mwangi engaged the workers at the farm on the various methods and techniques of coffee grooming in order to ensure maximum output.

The Chief Officer commended the farm's staff for the positive progress they are making with their coffee production.



Akurinu group to plant 200,000 trees in Nyeri



PHOTO | EVANS MBORA

By Faith Hiuhi

The General Conference of Akurinu Churches Assembly is planning to plant over 200,000 indigenous trees in Nyeri County.

This is part of celebrating 100 years of Akurinu faith heritage and for conserva-

tion of environment. Trees contribute to the environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, climate amelioration, conserving water, preserving soil and supporting wildlife.

The 200,000 trees are expected to be planted in different parts of Nyeri County

which include; Tumutumu Hill, Karima Hill, Ruring'u Stadium, Aberdare Ranges among other areas.

Nyeri County Secretary Ben Gachichio who represented H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga hosted a team from the church assembly ahead of the tree planting exercise

slated for March this year.

The team led by the National Secretary General Rev. Abraham Macharia expressed their support to the County Government of Nyeri for the many development projects it has initiated that have impacted the lives of Nyeri citizens positively.

The tree planting initiative dubbed '*Akurinu @ 100 Years Tree Planting Initiative*' is to celebrate 100 years of Akurinu Faith Heritage. They will be planting 1 million indigenous trees in 100 days countrywide.

The main launch will take place on 27th February and continue to 8th June 2021.

The Akurinu team lauded the governor for his unwavering support to them and the people of Nyeri County.

Consultative meeting with KFC

By Samwel Kamwana

The Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture and Cooperative Development CEC Diana Kendi held a follow up meeting with a team from the Kenya Film Commission (KFC) to discuss on the progress of establishing an ultra-modern cinema theatre.



PHOTO | SAMWEL KAMWANA

The theatre will be situated at Heroes Park- Nyeri town (former Culture Centre) as agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by both parties last

year. The first phase will entail equipping the centre at a cost of Kshs. 20million.

The MoU signed will also facilitate audience development and screen culture for

a vibrant local film and TV industry as well as market the county as a film destination for sustainable wealth and job creation.

Clearing fallen tree branches off Kenyatta Road



By Jane Baru

Following strong winds, the Nyeri County Disaster Management Unit were out clearing tree branches that fell across Kenyatta Road in Nyeri Central sub-county. The tree branches had disrupted traffic flow within Nyeri town. The fire men on duty worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth flow of traffic was restored. Visiting the site was Tarus Robert from Kenya Forest Service (KFC) who commended the good work being done by the department.



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions in the following legislations:

- The Physical and land use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019.**
- The Rating Act Cap 267.**
- The Valuation of rating Act Cap 266.**
- The Survey Act Cap 299.**
- The County Government Act of 2012.**

The department in consultation with the relevant stakeholders have prepared the following Bills, policies and by-laws,

- 1. The Nyeri County Physical and Land Use Planning Bill 2020.**
- 2. The Nyeri County Valuation for Rating Bill 2020.**
- 3. The Nyeri County Rating Bill 2020.**
- 4. The Nyeri County Land Survey Policy 2020**
- 5. Nyeri Municipality Traffic By-Laws.**
- 6. Nyeri Municipality Solid Waste Management Policy and Plan.**

In line with the constitution and statutory requirements for the public participation the draft bills, policy and by laws have been uploaded on the Nyeri County Website www.nyeri.go.ke for access by the public for review and comments.

Written comments should be submitted through the following contacts:

**THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER,
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, HOUSING,
PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
P.O BOX 1112-10100
NYERI**

Email address ; dwkwai@gmail.com

Written submissions should reach the department not later than 14 days from the date of its publication.



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TENDER NOTICE

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

TENDER REFERENCE	TENDER DESCRIPTIONS	ELIGIBILITY	BID BOND
CGN/ES/26/2020-2021	Proposed Construction of Boundary Wall(Phase II) at Ruring'u stadium	Open	400,000.00

Interested bidders can view the tender document in the County Government of Nyeri website ; www.nyeri.go.ke

Complete tender documents to be submitted in a 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 2nd February 2021 at **11:00 am**

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

**County Secretary
County Government of Nyeri**

YOUR SAY ON FACEBOOK

Wanjiku Simon
We greatly applaud your awesome implementation of such unique programmes that propel our county in very high levels. This brainchild project that you initiated has made youth benefit with knowledge, exposure and the monthly stipend goes a long way in assisting their direct needs as manage cash. Proud of your due diligence and commitment in transforming our county positively #Kaba Mwalimu

Benson Gitonga
This is great indeed. Internships are very important part of our education program, first and foremost. In setting up professional internships, not only will we be able to offer students a chance to work with industry professionals, but the students also will be able to take the theory they learn in the classroom and put it into practice here, in whichever activity they're focused. #mbeleikosawa

Lawrence Kiamba
Good job and job well done. Mwalimu taking Nyeri to the next level.

Tabitha Mwangi
Congratulations Governor. You have my vote come 2022

Lee Chelsy
Who would have thought a mere teacher can rise up and transform nyeri within three years?? East_west_north_south it's all development projects in progress, proud of you mr.Governor! When the time is ripe make sure you board right train, Heko!!

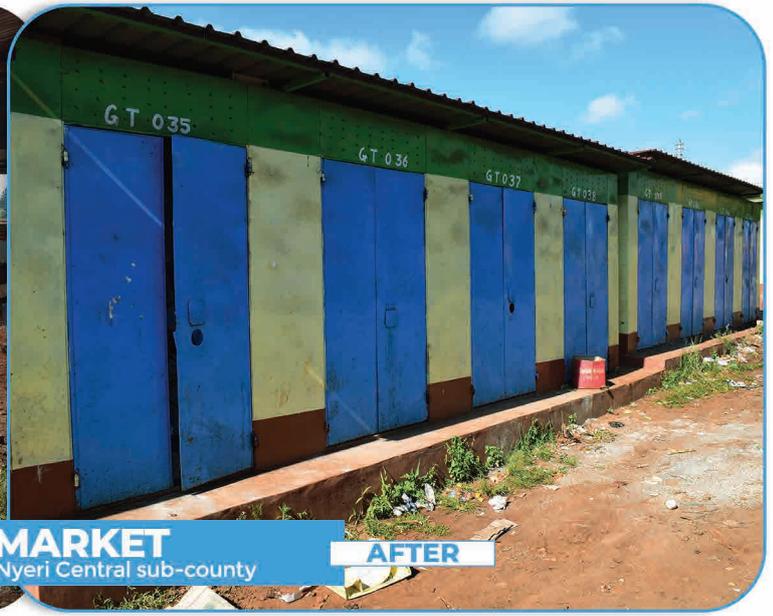
Jeremy Mburu
We are thankful to the Nyeri county government lead by their able and hardworking Governor Mutahi Kahiga for agreeing to partner with AKurinu church in their Tree planting initiative dubbed Akurinu@100.

Norman Mwangi
Nyeri has very visionary governor. am amongst the first beneficiaries of this program and the experience I gained was really helpful

Gachuru Samuels
You are God chosen that's why you are the right man for the job you are undertaking your Excellency no doubt.

Lilian Wangui
You will ever remain to be my Excellency God bless you with more favour to the nation and people

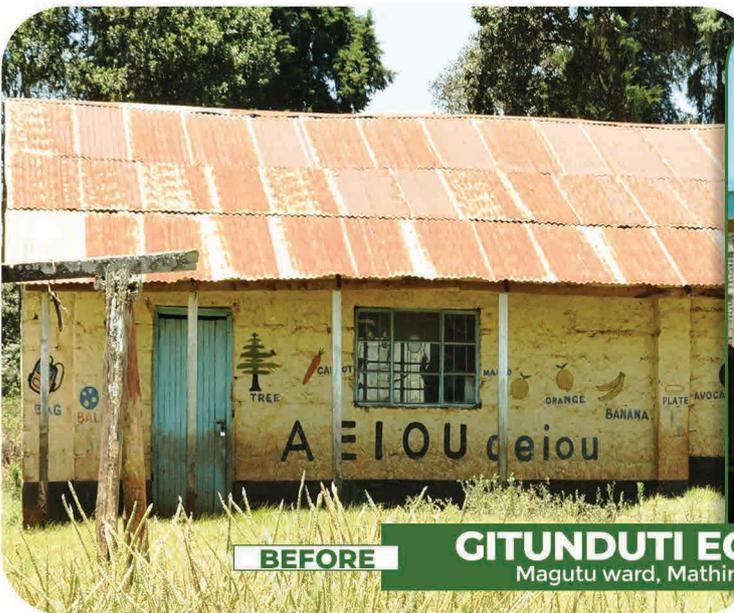
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GATITU MARKET
Gatitu/Muruguru ward, Nyeri Central sub-county



GUMBA - GICHAGI BOX CULVERT
Rugi ward, Mukurwe-ini sub-county

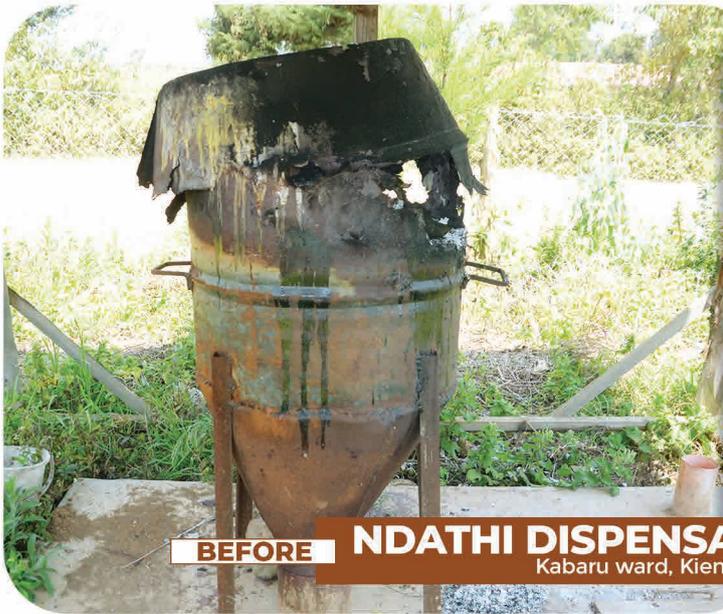


GITUNDUTI ECDE CENTRE
Magutu ward, Mathira East sub-county

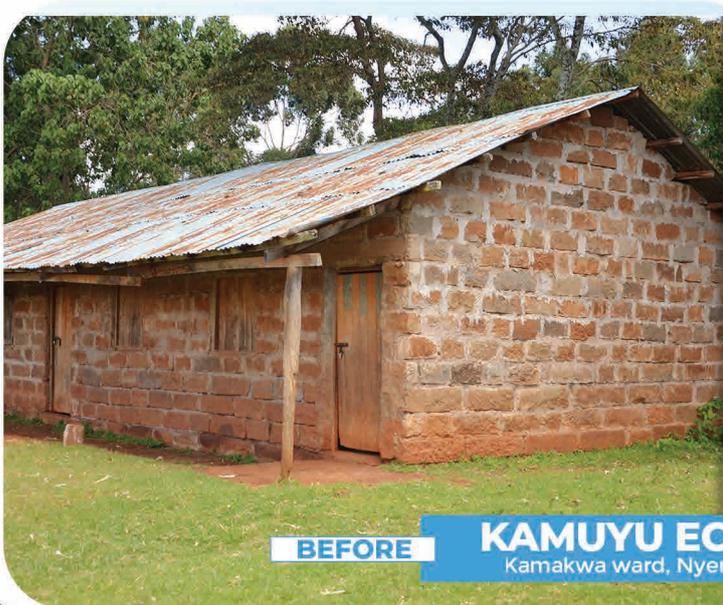
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BEFORE **GAKERE ROAD** **AFTER**
Nyeri town



BEFORE **NDATHI DISPENSARY INCINERATOR** **AFTER**
Kabaru ward, Kieni East sub-county



BEFORE **KAMUYU ECDE CENTRE** **AFTER**
Kamakwa ward, Nyeri Central sub-county

