



# WEEKLY REVIEW



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By Governor's Press Unit

Good road networks make a crucial contribution to the socio-economic development and growth of a region while the benefits derived from good infrastructure are immense.

In addition, well developed road networks provide access to employment opportunities, social amenities, health and education services which are crucial

in fighting against poverty within a society.

To this end, the County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga has embarked on the improvement and accessibility of earth roads within the county. The governor noted that this is a planned programme which will lead to improvement of Nyeri County's

economy through easing the transportation of goods and movement of people, consequently, improving revenue streams from trade. The project will also create employment for thousands of Nyeri youth who will be involved in upgrading of the roads.

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### – Kamuriga Box Culvert.

To ensure free flow of water at both Meeting Point area and Nyeri County Assembly in Ruring'u ward, the department has set aside Kshs. 9.5 million to improve the drainage system. This will stop perennial flooding that has been experienced during the rainy season.

For the last three years, 13 kilometres of road have been tarmacked.

To ensure an orderly urban life and to attract visitors and investors, the department has developed a good parking management system in county's major towns. Nyeri and Karatina town's main streets and parking areas have been re-carpeted with tarmac or cabro paving blocks making the major towns cleaner and more organized.

Also, Mukurwe-ini and Mweiga bus parks which were upgraded using cabro-paving blocks have contributed greatly to the betterment of these towns.

“We want a robust networking which will allow our people to conduct their trading businesses as they should,” he noted.

In the current 2020/2021 financial year, the county government has set aside about Kshs. 450 million which will upgrade about 250 Kilometres of roads across all the 30 wards.

The work being done by the Department of Transport, Infrastructure, Public Works and Energy will start immediately and will be completed by June this year, which is the end of the current financial year.

Further, the county government jointly with the Kenya Roads Board will start the first phase of upgrading Dominion Church – Ngangarithi trading centre- Muthaiga road in Nyeri town to bitumen standard at a cost of Kshs. 15 million. This will involve the laying of the basement, culvert and drainage improvement.

Transport Chief Officer Julius Ringera said KRB will also further upgrade 95.7 kilometres to gravel standards around the county.

At the same time, the department is also constructing 12 bridges in the county at a cost of Kshs. 37 million. The bridges will help improve the local economy and quality of life by providing a safer and quicker means of transportation.

Some of the proposed bridges include: Chania Footbridge, Mahiga / Wamagana Footbridge, Gachatha Kwa Duncan Double Box Culvert, Kahachu-Kahutini Double Box Culvert, Mukaburo Box Culvert, Gikono Box Culvert, Gatiki- Gathagana Footbridge, Lusoi Single Box Culvert, Hakamune Footbridge, Kianjiru Footbridge, Ria Gititu Single Box Culvert and Gitegi



# Exclusive interview with Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Chief Officer, Adan Eden

*Can you enlighten us on what this department is involved with? some of the projects the department has initiated for the last three years?*

The Department of Trade is mandated with the promotion of trade and fair-trade practice in the county through the development, rehabilitation and management of markets, creation of market linkages, provision of affordable business financing, investment promotion and development of local industries. The Directorate of Tourism oversees the promotion of local tourism by marketing the county's tourism destinations and developing local tourism sites. Lastly, the Cooperative unit is mandated with strengthening the county's cooperatives movement by promoting the development of new cooperative and ensuring good governance within the cooperative movement in Nyeri County.

*Kindly highlight for us*

The department has improved the county's trading environment by constructing and rehabilitating 34 markets. The works undertaken include rehabilitation and construction of 15 market sheds, construction of 201 stalls, cabro-paving, perimeter fencing and construction of 6 ablution blocks. Fair trade practices have been enhanced by acquiring a mobile verification unit and hiring more staff, all this is to ensure that consumers get right quantity for their purchases. In addition, the department has also operationalized the Nyeri County Enterprise Development Fund (EDF) where Kshs. 32M has been disbursed in form of affordable loans at interest rate 5% to entrepreneurs across the county. Cooperative movement has



been strengthened through annual capacity building programme for co-operative leaders where over 1,000 leaders have been trained to date with an aim of enhancing corporate governance in co-operatives societies.

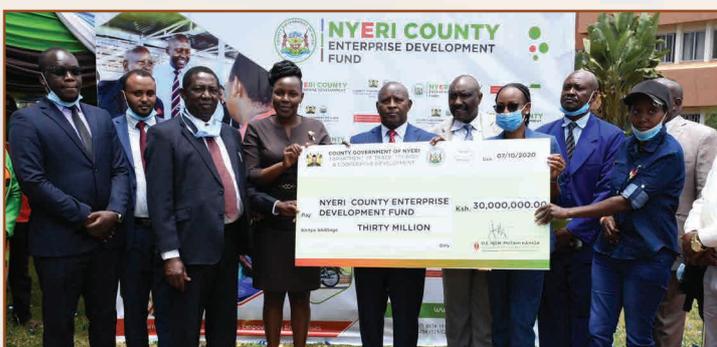
The projects initiated under directorate of Tourism and culture include fencing and installing monument and statue of freedom fighter Field Marshal Dedan Kimathi Wachiuri at Kahigaini site at Dedan Kimathi ward and creation of a recreation park with a signage of Mau Mau Memorial Heroes Park and installed late Laurette Professor Wangari Maathai monument at culture centre (Heroes Park) in Nyeri town.

Organized exhibitions for stakeholders to showcase their talents during the County Tourism Festival categorized as visual and performing artists. The directorate has also organized

talent search in all sub counties where the best were awarded with certificates as incentives. The department organized the county choir and participated during KICOSCA games and cultural festival competitions during the last two years in Machakos and Kericho County and won awards in various categories.

*How many policies and bills has your department formulated for the last three years? You could name them briefly, please.*

The department had developed a number of policies including: market area management policy and cooperative development policy. Currently, the department is working on drafting a Market Area Management Bill and amending the Nyeri County Cooperative Management Act 2016.





***Tell us about the linkages and networks which have been created to propagate sector development goals.***

Under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga, the department has been very committed towards building strong partnerships with relevant stakeholders for the successful implementation of the strategic goals. These include: National Museums of Kenya (NMK) – undertook mapping and documentation of more than 30 heritage and tourist sites in Nyeri County, Kenya Film Commission (KFC) - MOU to achieve the objective of developing and promoting Nyeri County as a filming location in Kenya, World Scouts Parliamentary Union - (WSPU) collaboration in establishing short term and long term programs and projects in promotion of scouting in Nyeri county through scouting tourism.

The department has also partnered with Kenya National Archives, Dedan

Kimathi Foundation, Kenya Scouts Association (KSA), Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) among others.

***Briefly tell us about your strategic plan if there is any which has been implemented.***

The strategic objective of the Directorate of Tourism and Culture is to develop and promote Tourism for increased economic growth and to promote cultural heritage. The economic component goal of creation of wealth and emphasis of sustainable environment and society has informed the strategic objectives to

guide local tourism development and promotion under Kenya's Vision 2030 tourism flag ship projects. In our strategic plan we had planned to address some of the challenges faced by entrepreneurs where majority of small scale traders have limited or no access to credit facilities. Our strategy on creating market linkages for our product has been top on our priority as the department has facilitated the marketing of these products through exhibitions and conferences both locally and regionally.

***Are you responsible for all the departmental assets?***

***Which ones are they?***

Yes. As an accounting officer I am responsible for all the assets that were assigned to the Department of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives including office equipment, furniture and motor vehicles.

***What steps are being taken by your department to facilitate and promote investment in the county?***

Recently, the department came up with the County Investment Profile that maps out the available investment opportunities within the county. Additionally, the department is in the process of operationalizing the investment portal which will contribute significantly towards attracting potential investors through the dissemination of timely information on the available investment opportunities as well as organized and attended various trade fairs and exhibition all in an effort to market the County and its potential. To promote investment in the county, the directorate of Tourism and Culture has uploaded documentaries and mapped tourism sites to provide information in regard to the potential areas to invest as recommended in the county for the hospitality and tourism industry.



***How does the county support businesses in terms of industrialization and enterprise development?***

The county has been supporting enterprise development through provision of affordable credit through the Nyeri County Enterprise Development Fund. So far we have disbursed Kshs. 32M to various enterprises across the county in form of loans that accrue an annual interest rate of 5% P.A.

***What are the achievements on cooperative development for the last two years and what's the plan moving forward?***

We have continued to promote growth of co-operatives in different sectors. For the last two years, the department was able to register 14 new co-operatives societies and revived four others that had been dormant. The department has also been carrying out public sensitization on importance of co-operatives that has boosted co-operative membership. Through the leaders' capacity building program which will now be an annual

activity and members' education, we have been able to enhance governance in co-operatives in the county.

***Nyeri is known to have some of the strongest co-operatives in Kenya. What is the department doing to maintain this moving forward?***

The department plans to continue promoting value addition on cooperative's products and also looks forward to supporting the youth in cooperative ventures and innovations through cooperative societies. We will continuously review and develop the legal framework governing cooperatives to ensure it addresses the emerging issues in the sector as well as continue to carry out training needs assessments and conduct capacity building for cooperative leaders and staff.

***What measures have you put in place with an aim of upholding the Nyeri culture?***

The department organizes a three-day Cultural and Tourism Festival event in



the county. Mobilization is done county wide to sensitize community on the culture as well active participation of the citizens through cultural performances and exhibitions, competitions and award of certificates as incentives among others. The department is in the process of establishing of community cultural centers/villages like Kigera Cultural Group and Mt. Kenya to act as focal points to celebrate the culture in the community and Training Cultural Trainer of Trainers (TOT's) on community based cultural villages for sustainability.

***Dedan Kimathi and Prof. Wangari Maathai monuments have been erected in the county, what does it mean to the Mau Mau veterans and to tourists?***

The monuments will educate about Nyeri history to the current and future generations to come and promote the respect of those who lived in different times in the society. This is key in contributing to national unity, peace and patriotism as key drivers for sustainable development.

***The department has embarked on building new markets and also renovating others. The national government has also built Karatina and Chaka markets. What does this mean to the county?***

These projects will ensure that the traders benefit from an improved trading environment. They will be protected from extreme weather conditions such as rainfall and sunshine. In addition, the traders will operate in a more organized and secure environment where their goods are safer. The improved market infrastructure will also lead to the availability of a ready market for the local agricultural produce hence reducing after harvest wastage and empowering the local producers financially. These new market hubs will also boost the local economy as result of increased trading activities as well us generating revenue for the county.



# Antimicrobial Resistance Scientific Conference

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The Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA) in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) held a conference on antimicrobial resistance at the Ibis Hotel, Nyeri town. The convocation brought together various experts on animal health and other related fields to discuss on how to tackle the alarmingly rising menace of antimicrobial resistance and thereafter apply their findings at the ground level.

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is the ability of a microorganism such as bacteria, viruses and parasites to stop an antimicrobial like antibiotics from working against it. Because this is already happening in animals, it has been noted that effective treatment may require very strong solutions, which can have harmful side effects on the body.

AMR can also lead to treatments becoming ineffective and accelerate the spread of infections. Antimicrobial resistance is usually a conse-



quence of the intensive use and misuse of antimicrobial drugs.

In order to minimize antimicrobial use various practices have been discussed at the forum. These include:

- Application of good husbandry practices while handling the animals, in the animal production establishments and during animal transport;
- Improving animal welfare through measures like en-

suring good air and water supply quality, appropriate ventilation rates and space allocation during all phases including production, transport and slaughter.

- Ensuring good hygiene and bio-security measures in animal production.
- Application of rigorous disease control measures like vaccination.
- Application of good animal waste management techniques.

In further efforts to curb antimicrobial resistance, animal health experts have been advised against hasty prescription of antibiotics unless extremely necessary. They have further been advised on the importance of acquiring animal related products from certified dealers and supply to avoid using substances that may work retrogressively in the fight against antimicrobial resistance.

# Nyeri Insurance Regulatory Authority Forum

Nyeri Education and Sports CEC Margaret Macharia on behalf of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga graced the opening of the Nyeri Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) forum at the Nyeri Whispers Park, Nyeri town.

The open day attracted over 20 exhibitors from various insurance companies which were showcasing their unique products to the members of the public. Some of these companies include: Britam, Kenya Orient Insurance Company, Direct Insurance Company, Madison Group, Majani Insurance Brokers among many others. The Commissioner of Insurance and CEO Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) Mr. Godfrey Kiptum noted that they were in Nyeri to increase access for insurance to the area residents by sensitizing them on the importance of the same.

The CEC encouraged the people of Nyeri to acquire



the knowledge on investment in insurance and also the available premiums. She also urged Nyeri citizens to start small and eventually their savings will grow.

The CEC also noted that

County Government of Nyeri remains committed in supporting such organizations through public private partnership.

She appreciated the opportunity that IRA is offering

to Nyerians to educate them on the need for insurance on various matters including health, property etc.

## In brief...

Officers from the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services paid a visit to Mr. Paul Wamiti Kabiru in Wamagana Ward, Tetu sub-county.

Mr. Kabiru owned a commercial building which was razed down by fire of unknown cause. Tenants occupying the

building recorded great losses as they did not manage to salvage any of their products. Fortunately no one was injured during the incident.

During the visit, Mr. Wamiti together with the tenants received assorted food items as consolation from the department.



# KCSAP farmers reap big at Mugunda ward

The farmers of Kiambo-go-Kianjogu Self Help Group in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub-county could hardly stifle their joy as they harvested quite a size-able amount of, irish potatoes.

The farmers who are beneficiaries of the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP) started their second season's harvest yesterday and have already gotten promising results. The process could go on for the next couple of days as they comb through the three-acre piece of land.

The group consisting of 30 members initially benefitted with Ksh. 887,050 from the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP). They further went ahead to



add Ksh. 113,000 from their member contributions and invest the total in potatoes for each farmer's individual kitchen garden and for the 2.25 acre piece of land they leased as a group at the time. In last season's harvest, the group accrued Ksh. 350,000 in profits and went ahead to invest the same into the coming season's activities. They also increased the size of the piece of land they had leased

to 3 acres. Their projections this season, based on the already harvested acreage, indicate much larger profits. The group chairperson, Eliud Githinji expressed gratitude to the KCSAP team for availing this platform to the Kiambo-go community as it not only benefits them individually and improves their living standards but is also a source of income for their youth members who

may not have large tracts of land to farm or employment. He further noted the importance of farmers grouping themselves as it enables easier access of government resources and in the pooling of resources in farm input.

Ephantus Ndirangu, the County Environment and Social Safeguards Compliance Officer and his fellow officers from the KCSAP Nyeri unit were pleased with the farmers input and in the harvests they were reeling in. They engaged the farmers in proper Technology Innovative Management Practices (TIMPs) in order to maximize their overall productivity and enhance sustainability.

## In brief...

Test pumping of the ongoing Ndiriti-Aguthi Borehole in Naromoru Kiamathaga ward, kieni-East sub-county. The borehole has been funded by (SIVAP) Small Irrigation and Value Addition Project.



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### COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS, INFRASTRUCTURE & ENERGY

#### TENDER NOTICE

Bids are invited from eligible and qualified firms for the following works:-

ITEM NO	PROJECT NAME	WARD	TENDER REFERENCE	BID BOND (KSH)	ELIGIBILITY
1	PROPOSED UPGRADING OF KIAMWATHI-NYERI ROAD (P-54 NYERI) AND KIAMWATHI-NYERI ROAD (P-55 NYERI)	RWARE	CGN/TEND/INFRA /042/2020-2021	300,000	OPEN
2	PROPOSED UPGRADING OF STORM WATER DRAINAGE AT RURINGU MEETING POINT.	RURINGU	CGN/TEND/INFRA /043/2020-2021	180,000	OPEN

Interested bidders must meet all the conditions as indicated in the tender document for each category and can view and download the documents free of charge from the County website [www.nyeri.go.ke](http://www.nyeri.go.ke)

Bidders **MUST** submit a hard copy of their bid in plain sealed envelopes with the tender number clearly marked and bearing no indication of the identity of the tenderer 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 of P.O. Box 1112 - 10100, Nyeri sent by post to reach the above address on or before 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10:00 AM.

**NB:** Bidders with ongoing contracts with County Government of Nyeri which are incomplete and/or stalled, and the validity of reason for such stoppage is not documented with the County Government will not be considered. Submitted tender documents shall be opened publicly soon after the above stated closing date and time in the County Secretary's Boardroom, in the presence of tenderers or their representatives who choose to attend, in adherence to measures put in place to stop the spread of Covid-19. Late bids shall not be accepted or opened.

County Secretary,  
County Government of Nyeri.

## Cerebral Palsy awareness month

Cerebral Palsy (CP) awareness is always observed in March every year. Officers from the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services, led by social welfare officer in-charge of Mathira East- Mary Muchiri, joined the CP Warriors family of Karatina town in commemoration the annual Cerebral Palsy awareness month.

This month brings attention to a group of disorders usually diagnosed in early childhood and challenges that CP caregivers often face. It is a life-long condition- children and adults with CP may require a range of care.

During the visit, the department donated diapers to the group. We are committed to providing assistance to the vulnerable members of the society to improve on their wellbeing and promote their rights and dignity.

Let's go green! Spread the love to the proud mothers, fathers, and grandparents.

## Consultative meeting on PWDs wheelchair programme



Following the mass registration of PWDs in Nyeri, the County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services held a meeting with the Walkabout Foundation Country Director, Mr. David Muhoro at their offices in Nanyuki Town, Laikipia County, identified cases. of life of people with disabilities through wheelchair distribution and rehabilitation.

During the visit, department's principal administrator Mr. Justus Munyiri together with sub-county Social Welfare Officers were taken through the procedure and guidelines that would make this program a success.

Walkabout Foundation, an NGO based in the UK will be donating customized wheelchairs to PWDs through the department.

This is a crucial program to the society, and with the help of donors (Walkabout Foundation), the county government will help improve the quality



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Welcome to our scheduled Theory & Practical Training as per indicated dates and time.

#### WAMBUGU A.T.C. SCHEDULED TRAININGS MARCH-JUNE, 2021

Day / Date	TOPIC	TIME	AREA TO ADDRESS
THURSDAY 25/03/2021	Coffee husbandry	10:00am - 1:00pm	Coffee Establishment Coffee Nutrition
THURSDAY 15/04/2021	Milk Processing	10:00am - 1:00pm	Yoghurt and Mala Processing
THURSDAY 20/05/2021	Poultry husbandry	10:00am - 1:00pm	Chick rearing
THURSDAY 17/06/2021	Urban and peri-Urban Agriculture	10:00am - 1:00pm	Types of Farming technologies: Multi-story, Conical, Piped, Sunken bed, keyhole, oasis bed, and terrace farming.

All training will take Place at

**WAMBUGU AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRE-NYERI**  
(Wambugu Farm along Nyeri-Karatina Highway)

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# NYERI COUNTY STAFF RECEIVES COVID-19 VACCINE

