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CGN pumps Kshs. 53.4 Million into water projects

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Water is a critical basic commodity that is crucial not only for meeting basic human needs but also for socio-economic development. Due to the insufficiency of this basic commodity, parts of Nyeri county particularly Kieni East and Kieni West sub counties which forms 52 % land mass of the county have not been able to live up to their full potential - be-

ing the food basket for the county. It is estimated that with sufficient water supply, Kieni could feed the country, as it has good soils and a favorable topography. It however falls on the leeward side of Mt. Kenya and is therefore classified as an ASAL area. Most rivers are seasonal, further aggravating the drought situation. The area largely

depends on rainwater, which is unreliable and erratic owing to the geographical location of the vast sub-county.

The County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga has remained committed to providing this basic commodity and ensure its demand is met across the county.

According to Department of Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change CEC Fredrick Kinyua, there are plans to implement water projects at a total cost of about Kshs 53.4 million in this current financial year 2020/2021.

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The department has already drilled and is currently equipping 10 boreholes with solar system fitting. Out of these, Small Irrigation and Value addition Project (SIV-AP) has drilled two boreholes at Naromoru, Kieni East through the Department of Agriculture while the National Irrigation Authority (NIA) at Ragati area in Gakawa ward, Kieni East sub-county has drilled one. In addition, the National Government has proposed to drill 50 boreholes in the county.

Some of these projects are also being done in close collaboration with key development stakeholders including NIA which is planning to work on nine water projects; Ihwa, Kihuyo, Githiru, Wangi Kanuna, Gitero, Kabati, Muthuini, Changachicha and Kaguyu Kienjaini.

Through the Department of Agriculture, other irrigation projects that have been com-

pleted are Kiria Dam, Kamangura Dam, Lusoi Dam and Thiha Sagana Irrigation Project and three masonry tanks. The World Bank through the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP) funds these projects.

Further, before the end of this financial year, a masonry tank will be built at Gatina in Konyu ward, Mathira East sub-county and 10 irrigation and pipeline works have already been planned, with the completed Kahigaini/Kanjora pipeline at Dedan Kimathi

ward awaiting inspection.

The county government has collaborated with Tana Water Works Development Agency to improve water distribution in Naromoru town and its environs. The county has constructed a water treatment plant at a cost of Kshs. 34 million and Tana has financed the new pipeline at a cost of Kshs. 10 million. The department is also currently working in partnership with the Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC), in installation

of three phase power at Titie and Naromoru Treatment Works. Implementation of the same is currently underway once tendering is completed.

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These projects have increased water supply from 65% to a projected 80% by 2022 in rural areas and from 80% to a projected 90% in urban areas.



Out of the 46 boreholes, the county government has drilled 29, while 17 have been done in partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Tana Water Works Development Agency (TWWDA). 42 boreholes are in Kieni East and Kieni West sub counties while four are in Mathira East sub-county.

The boreholes have a capacity of pumping over 400,000 litres per hour with Kienjero water project in Mugunda ward having a water dis-

charge of up to 47, 000 litres per hour.

On conservation of environment, Nyeri County boasts of having the highest percentage of tree cover at 38.3% percent and the county government's leadership has remained committed to retain it by supporting initiatives that seek to increase it. Through the Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, it has planted over 80,000 tree fruit seedlings and a further 50,000 fruit trees through the Department of Agriculture through greening initiative in partnership with government institutions, private sector and other non-state actors.

Recently, the county government also collaborated with the Akurinu Church to plant over 100,000 indigenous trees in public lands as its members were celebrating 100 years since the inception of the church.

In brief...

Medical oxygen is part of essential supplies particularly with the Covid-19 pandemic.

To meet the rising demand for it, the County Government of Nyeri has set up another oxygen plant at Mt. Kenya Amenity Hospital.

So far, Nyeri County Referral Hospital has two oxygen plants and another installation is being done at Karatina and Naromoru Level 4 Hospitals.

The county government shall resume Covid-19 Vaccinations next week on Tuesday 6th April 2021 at PGH, all level 4 hospitals, Othaya Level 6 Hospital, Naromoru and Mweiga Health Centre.



Sign of relieve as governor grants financial cushioning measures due to Covid-19 protocols



Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga has granted waivers and deadline extensions to traders and Public Service Vehicle operators among others as a way of cushioning the great people of Nyeri during this time of Covid-19 pandemic.

Governor Kahiga said he has granted waivers and deadline extensions for this month due to the hard economic times the Nyeri citizenry are undergoing hence the need for the revision of Covid-19 containment measures.

The governor hereby granted the following waivers and deadline extensions:

1. 50% waivers of PSV

matatus monthly fees until lifting of the movement restriction measures issued by H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta.

2. 50% waiver of monthly market Banda fees for the month of April, 2021.

3. 100% waiver of accrued penalties on houses, shops & stalls rents up to 30th April 2021.

4. Extension of deadline for payment of business permits up to 30th April 2021.

5. Extension of deadline for payment of Land rates up to 30th April 2021.

6. 25% waiver of liquor license fees extended up to

30th June 2021.

Governor Kahiga also lauded Nyeri Archbishop His Grace Anthony Muheria for ensuring that the Covid-19 protocols are adhered in all churches and even cancelling the way of the cross events in order to prevent the spread of the disease. He encouraged churches to conduct several masses instead of congesting the congregation in one mass.

The governor also lamented that the County Government of Nyeri has been hit hard during this third wave as the county has already lost Principal Housing Officer Moses Muturi who passed on recently. Five other officers are undergoing medication due to

Covid -19 related complications but assured Nyeri people that the officers are in stable condition.

On vaccination, he said the exercise will resume on Tuesday next week since the county will have about 6,000 doses. All above the age of 58 years old must be vaccinated.

He also urged officers offering non- essential services to work from home in order to help flatten the curve.

Governor Kahiga who was accompanied by Finance CEC Robert Thuo, also reminded the people of Nyeri to keep safe by observing the public health guidelines on Covid-19 containment measures.

One on one with Enforcement Officer Ann Kathurima

She is a qualified Public Health Officer, who now serves as an Enforcement Officer in the County Government of Nyeri.

When you talk of enforcement, what does it entail? Which unit are you attached to?

Enforcement entails using authority as a county officer to check for compliance of payment of revenue. Enforcement helps in tracing defaulters and making sure business owners pay their dues. Currently, I am attached to the Department of Alcoholic Drinks Control and Management.

What are the duties and responsibilities of an enforcement officer in your unit?

My responsibilities are enforcing and ensuring residents comply to the Nyeri County Alcoholic Drinks Control and Management Act which I achieve through field mapping

and regular inspection of premises to ensure there are following the guidelines. I also handle clients at the customer care desk in the office, compiling and write reports.

For how long have you been in the service?

I have been attached to the unit for seven months now.

What is your experience working in an area which is normally male dominated? What challenges do you face?

My experience so far has been quite good albeit faced with a couple of challenges. For instance, people think that because I am a woman, I cannot harm/instruct them; as a result I face challenges such as ignorance, spite and critics from the clients I engage with. Fortunately, I have a very supportive supervisor who has been very helpful.

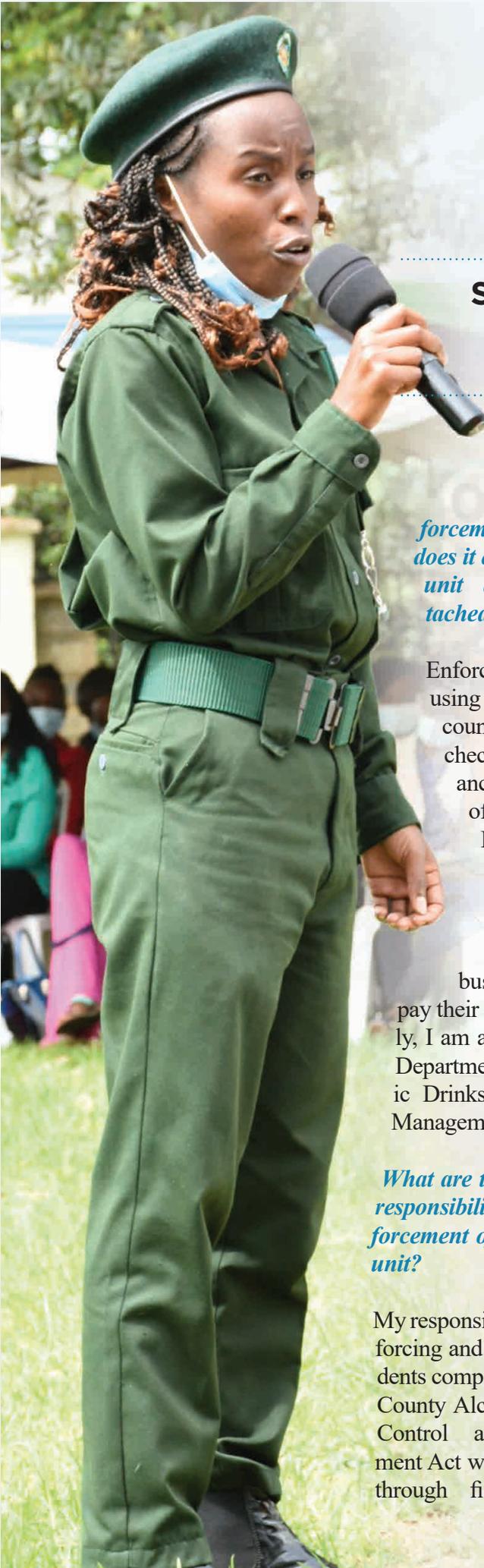
Enforcement officers are

traditionally known for using force unto to clients. But of late Nyeri officers have changed tactics. How?

Force is not always the way of solving issues. As enforcement officers, we have resulted to using other diplomatic ways such as engaging the clients, reasoning out and explaining to them the mistakes done and how to correct them. We challenge them psychologically, to which they respond without even using force.

What efforts has the County Government of Nyeri done to improve your working conditions?

The county government has done a lot including providing us with uniforms that makes us easily identifiable in our working environment, provided us with working materials and also means of transport which have enabled us to effectively carry out our duties.



You are a qualified Public Health Officer with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health but you are now working as an enforcement officer. Why and how did you end up here?

I have a Bachelor's degree in Public Health but that did not stop me from applying the job as an enforcement officer which required a minimum of a KCSE certificate. I was a public health intern with the 2nd cohort under the Nyeri County's annual internship programme, attached to Gichira Health Centre in Tetu sub-county. The vacancy advert was shared on our



interns' WhatsApp group, to which I successfully applied and was called for the position.

What advice would you give to your fellow youth who are jobless with degrees or staying idle at home waiting for white collar jobs?

A degree paper which is busy kept somewhere will not feed someone, they should not be afraid to start small. Small things grow to become big things so one should have a beginning point.

Ruring'u Stadium project inspection

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga conducted a routine inspection of the ongoing construction at Ruring'u Stadium. It is a joint project between the County Government and the National Government. The perimeter fence being constructed by the county government is in its second phase and is set to be completed in three months.



Strict adherence to the Covid-19 protocols as Nyeri positivity rate hit 33%

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga together with Nyeri County Commissioner Mr. Lyford Kibaara led an inter-governmental meeting on the Covid-19 pandemic. The County Covid-19 Emergency Committee resolved to ensure strict adherence of the coronavirus regulations which have been set aside by the Ministry of Health.

This follows an increased number of Covid-19 infections in the last three weeks coupled with a significant increase in patients presenting with mild to severe disease. This is largely attributable to the recent laxity in adherence to the prescribed protocols and public health measures among other emerging issues.

By 30th March, 2021), Nyeri had recorded 67 cases, the highest number witnessed in Nyeri in a single day.

Nyeri's positivity rate is at 33%, this is for the results received in the last one week.



Cumulatively, Nyeri had recorded 1,493 cases from an estimated 5,485 samples. 58 Covid-19 deaths have been reported since the beginning of the outbreak on 21st May, 2020. Two-thirds of the Covid-19 third wave cases are from the Nyeri Central sub county which has continuously recorded the highest burden since the onset. By last Wednesday, there are 52 patients placed in the various isolation units within the county. Out of this, 28 are on supplemental oxygen.

So far, 7912 residents of Nyeri have been vaccinated and there are appeals to the Ministry of Health to replenish the vaccines in Nyeri.

It is in this regard that the committee resolved to observe the following measures in order to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 disease.

- Nyeri County will adhere/comply to all the Covid-19 directives and guidelines by H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta.

- All the stakeholders conducting the annual rites of passage to adhere to the guidelines as issued by the County Department of Health in accordance to the president's directive.

- The County Security Team working with the County Enforcement Team shall ensure that all the Covid-19 directives and guidelines are observed.

- All Food handlers are re-tested and certified Covid-19 free.

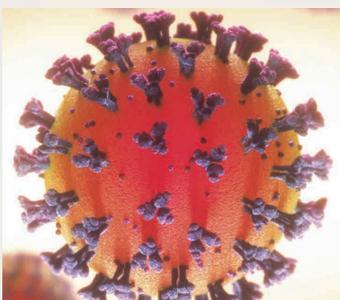
- All health care workers, teachers, uniformed officers and persons aged 58 years and above to visit our 11 Covid-19 vaccination centres for Covid-19 vaccine as the committee

awaits more vaccines from the national government.

- All Nyeri residents and visitors must always wear face masks that cover their nose and mouth. This is in addition to all the other Covid-19 prevention measures like social distancing, regular sanitizing or washing hands.

- The County Department of Health in collaboration with the County Security Team to enhance inspection, supervision and enforcement of all public premises- i.e., restaurants, churches, eateries, supermarkets, markets, among others.

- The County Government of Nyeri in collaboration with the County Security Team to reactivate the barrier check points.



Nyeri cow's breeding improves as CGN expands A.I services

The County Government of Nyeri under the stewardship of H.E Mutahi Kahiga has in the recent past improved and expanded Artificial Insemination services programme whereby 12,000 dairy cows are serviced annually.

This programme which has been introduced to farmers is meant to improve the breed of livestock. So far, over 35,000 dairy cows have been served in the A.I coverage.

Further, the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries has also procured four vehicles to increase coverage of the service. These vehicles go a long way in enhancing the mobility of A.I service providers, enabling them to reach more farmers even in the remotest parts of the county.

This is in addition of six motorcycles which were purchased earlier for use around the county.

For the last three years, the county government has spent over Kshs. 19.2 million in expanding and delivering services which has in return increased quality breeding of the animals.

In the financial year



2018/2019, the directorate spent Kshs. 10.8 million in the breeds and breeding program including the procurement of semen for livestock breeding in all the 30 wards. In year 2010/2020, the directorate spent Kshs. 8.4 million in all the wards for dairy improvement which included the purchase of semen, liquid nitrogen and small A.I equipment.

Joseph Mugwe, a farmer from Konyu ward in Mathira East sub-county, who is a beneficiary of the free AI services being offered unto his livestock has every reason to smile seeing that one

of his cows that was served has borne him two heifers, increasing his livestock population.

"I want to sincerely thank the County Government of Nyeri for this initiative. I have seen an increment in the production of milk from my cow and in the next few months I will also start milking these other heifers," he noted.

The farmer added that increased milk production is a major source of income for his family.

On the other hand, the directorate of Veterinary services has also been carrying

out annual vaccination programme to control notifiable diseases with over 90,000 animals being vaccinated for a period of one year.

Artificial Insemination (A.I) is an Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) used worldwide to deposit stored semen directly into a cow or heifer's uterus. A.I prevents in-breeding which can result to the same traits of genes from animals, secondly it controls infectious breeding diseases, and thirdly it improves reproductive performance and genetic quality of livestock.

Community leadership program vacancies

Digital Opportunity Trust Kenya seeks to engage young vibrant leaders from different parts of the country to be part of our (DOT Kenya) Community Leadership Program.

The Community Leadership Program (Digital Jobs Level 1), is a one year trainer program that offers highly motivated youth with a desire to impact their communities an opportunity to be exposed to the mission of DOT. It not only allows youth to bring new perspectives, creativity and innovative skills, ICT skills but also get an opportunity for professional development. It is to enhance CVs

with practical work experience.

Through this program, the Community Leadership will get the opportunity to deliver DOT Kenya's Digital Jobs level 1 track program to youth and women in local communities with an emphasis on targeting 70% women participants, actively advance

Digital Jobs track program activities through effective and efficient delivery of the program, including partnership & alliance building and support participants to seek out digital jobs prior to completion of the training.

Requirements;

1. Be a university graduate and not older than 34 years old
2. Have above average IT skills and specifically on microsoft suite and Google Suite
3. Have experience and knowledge in managing or working with groups, community engagement, community mobilization
4. A good understanding of trends, innovations and challenges affecting the new/emerging job market.
5. Creative/innovative – able to develop new and unique ways to improve the way young people view and access the job market

cess the job market

6. Demonstrated ability to create business networks and linkages;
7. Facilitation/training and report writing skills
8. Be from the following regions: Nairobi, Kitui, Makueni, Western & Nyanza, Central, Rift valley, Coast (Kilifi, Taita Taveta, Kilifi & Kwale)
9. Own or has access to computer

For more information kindly visit their website at <https://kenya.dotrust.org/.../community-leader-digital.../>

P.S: Women are highly encouraged to apply.

HAPPY
Easter

H.E MWALIMU MUTAHI KAHIGA
GOVERNOR, NYERI COUNTY



Humanitarian aid in Mathira

Following a recent incident where a house belonging to Newton Muriuki was crashed by a fallen tree, officers from the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services paid a visit to the young man's home to offer humanitarian aid.

Being an orphan, Newton a resident of Magutu ward in Mathira East sub-county lives by the grace of well-wishers.

Led by the social welfare officer in-charge of Mathira East Mary Muchiri, the department donated iron sheets, roofing nails and assorted food items as support while he plans to rebuild his

live.

Meanwhile, the officers also paid a visit to the family of Anthony Mwangi after fire burnt down his property recently.

Mwangi, a resident of Maganjo sub-location in Ruguru ward, did not manage to salvage anything from his house.

Fortunately, no one was injured during the incident; the exact cause is yet to be identified as investigations are underway.

During the visit, the family received iron sheets, roofing nails and assorted food items as consolation from the department.



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TENDER NOTICE

RE-ADVERTISEMENT

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

NO	TENDER REFERENCE	NEGOTIATION NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY	BID BOND
1	CGN/CS/INS/41/2020-2021	863323	FOR PROVISION OF STAFF GROUP LIFE COVER, GROUP PERSONAL ACCIDENT AND WORK INJURY BENEFIT (WIBA) INSURANCE ENDING 30 TH APRIL, 2023.	OPEN	201,000

Interested bidders must meet all the conditions as indicated in the tender document and can view and download the documents in the County Government of Nyeri website- www.nyeri.go.ke free of charge or the IFMIS tender portal: www.supplier.treasury.go.ke using the unique IFMIS negotiation number given above.

Complete tender documents **MUST** be submitted through the IFMIS SUPPLIERS PORTAL: www.supplier.teasury.go.ke so as to be received on or before **8th April, 2021 at 11.00 am**.

Bidders **Must** also submit two copies of their completed tender documents in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked the tender number and tender name and bearing no indication 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 or sent by post to reach the above address on or before **8th April, 2021 at 11.00a.m**.

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 bidders who choose to attend.

COVID 19 MOH and PPRA guidelines will be applicable. Late bids shall not be accepted or opened.

County Secretary,
County Government of Nyeri



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TENDER NOTICE

Bids are invited from eligible and qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Goods listed below

DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, YOUTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

NO	TENDER REFERENCE	NEGOTIATION NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY
	CGN/GYSS/45/2020-2021	863465/2020-2021	Supply and Delivery of Branded Domed Tents	PLWD

Interested bidders can view and download the Tender Documents 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.

Complete tender documents **MUST** be submitted through the IFMIS SUPPLIERS PORTAL: www.supplier.teasury.go.ke to be received on or before **15th April, 2021 at 10:00 am**

Bidders **MUST** also 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

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NB: MOH and PPRA COVID 19 protocols shall be strictly adhered to.

County Secretary
County Government of Nyeri



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY

ADDENDUM

Reference is made to the tender advertisement dated 18th March 2021 in the Standard Newspaper.

TENDER NO. CGN/INFRA/TEND/43/2020-2021
TENDER NAME: PROPOSED UPGRADING OF STORM WATER DRAINAGE AT RURINGU MEETING POINT

Those who have submitted kindly note the changes and resubmit.

The tender document for the said tender in the county Website www.nyeri.go.ke has also been updated since some pages in the Bills of Quantities were revised.

All the other conditions and terms remain the same.

The opening date for the same has been extended to **06th April 2021** at 10:00am We regret every inconvenience caused

County Secretary, County Government of Nyeri