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From left; Veronica Muthee, board Chairman Patrick Karinga, Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga, acting MD Eng. Peter Kahuthu and Nyeri Water CEC Fredrick Kinyua during the five-year strategic plan launch at Nyewasco headquarters in Nyeri town.

Nyewasco unveils a five-year-strategic plan

By Governor's Press Unit

Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company Ltd (Nyewasco) unveiled a five year strategic plan, 2021/22 - 2025/26 Strategic Plan, which seeks to steer the company to greater heights and improve service provision. Adoption of this new Strategic Plan is also a legal requirement,

reviewed after every five years.

The last strategic plan 2016/17 – 2020/21's adoption and implementation anchored Nyewasco firmly and the lessons and transformations picked from that period have been carried over to the new period of the next plan.

The unveiling of this strategic plan was anchored on Nyewasco's core values: customer service, ownership, environmental consciousness, continual improvement, teamwork & efficiency, research and innovation and corporate social effectiveness.

It will serve as a guide and roadmap towards growing the company and the realization of its core mandate which is the provision of water and sanitation services to the wonderful people of this great county.

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For the last 24 years, Nyewasco has continued to grow in leaps and bounds and the strategic plan that was launched will serve to harness the organization's full potential and propel it to even greater heights.

"I am pleased to note that Nyewasco has bagged accolade after accolade, proving further that its pursuit for excellence and service to the people of Nyeri County is unwavering," applauded H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga.

For the past 12 years, Nyewasco has scooped the first position for being the best water service provider in the country as exhibited in the IMPACT: A Performance Report of Kenya's Water Services Sector. Further, the company has been recognized globally for exemplary work performance having been awarded the Water Leaders Award, during the Global Water Awards 2020, an award which was established in 2006 by Global Water Intelligence.

The coveted award recognized the most important achievements in the interna-

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tional water industry with-in several categories and rewards those initiatives in the water, wastewater and desalination sectors that are moving the industry forward through improved operating performance, innovative technology adoption and sustainable financial models.

Nyewasco was recognized for being a key player in terms of governance in the water sector. The company has also won other awards for instance, in the sports category, during the 9th edition WSPs games, it emerged third position and in 2016, it scooped the MAPI Award related to good governance and best practices.

"We will not relent in our support as the County Government of Nyeri and we will continue making strides together. The process of formulating this document has seen many a great mind come together to ensure that

all the focal areas are extensively covered and captured in this strategic plan," promised the governor.

Governor Kahiga said the key areas include, but are not limited to; Corporate Governance, Financial Health, Service Delivery, Pro-poor and other Consumers, Human Resource Capacity, Environmental Consciousness.

The new strategic plan seeks to address some of the current challenges such as an old and dilapidated network, meeting water demands of a growing population, an increasing cost of water production, and environmental degradation.

TOP: NYEWASCO fraternity procession. BELOW: Company Board Chairman Patrick Karinga (left) receiving the five-year-strategic plan document from the acting MD Eng. Peter Kahuthu.



Further, it provides solutions to existing problems while opening up newer opportunities such as embracing ultra-modern technology that will see to it that Nyewasco provides even better services in providing a steady supply of quality and quantity water and sewerage services to her over 160,000 customers and over 40,000 connections.

“We would also like to remember the late Managing Director CPA Peter Gichaa-ga whose remarkable leadership immensely contributed to what Nyewasco is currently and the current leadership will continue to steer Nyewasco to greater heights. I’m also grateful for the support accorded to us by Governor Kahiga in terms of financial resources and implementation of projects,” noted the Ag. Managing Director, Eng. Peter Kahuthu.

The County Government of Nyeri recognizes water, sanitation and environment as one of the key priority areas that will spur the quality of life of the people in Nyeri and will continue joining



hands to ensure that this stays alive.

Nyewasco Board Chairman Patrick Karinga and Nyeri Water CEC Fredrick Kinyua noted that the company has lived true to its mission which is ‘to provide quality water, sewerage and allied services at commercially sustainable levels.’

Under the new strategic plan, the company has expanded the values These include:

- Customer – centric: Putting customer first and at the core of the business.
- Professionalism: Reliability, competence, dependability and respect.

- Innovativeness: Ability to challenge industry norms and provide solutions.
- Teamwork: Harnessing contribution of every partner
- Integrity: Guided by sound moral and ethical principles
- Responsiveness: Providing value within an acceptable time.
- Result Oriented: Focus on outcomes.

- Key achievements
- Developed Performance Management Scheme including policy and tools.
 - Timely implemen-

tation of Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

- Active in Cooperate Social Responsibilities (CSR) activities.
- Reviewed and updated the Customer Service Charter.
- Adoption and Integration of pro-poor policy in the company’s activities.
- ISO/IEC17025:2005 accreditation of its laboratory services.
- Evaluated for the 12th time in row as the best performing WSP during the WASREB

IMPACT report on 2019/2020

- Repayment of loans without defaulting up to date.
- Continued provision of services on a 24/7 basis.
- Water extension to LIAs and informal settlements.



TOP: The group photo of the Nyewasco fraternity. **BELOW;** A stand of Nyewasco at Nyeri ASK National Show, Kabiru-ini grounds.

A new dawn for disaster management in Nyeri

The MoU will create a framework where the respective parties will contribute positively in the management of disaster and emergency services within Nyeri County.

By Ivy Muruga



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H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga was pleased to undertake the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County Government of Nyeri and St John Ambulance, Kenya. President Uhuru Kenyatta is the patron of St. John Ambulance, Kenya which was created in 1923.

The MoU will create a framework where the respective parties will contribute positively in the management of disaster and emergency services within Nyeri County, with the aim of attaining the highest standards of social security. Through this

framework the County Government of Nyeri will provide St John with a space for their regional office at Nyeri Fire Station where the state of the art ambulance will be stationed ready to accompany the fire engine whenever it is deemed that medical rescue will be required.

St. John ambulance will continuously train Nyeri County firemen on medical rescue and other life saving skills, because they are among the first responders in major disasters.

It is through this partnership that the Disaster Management Unit under the depart-

ment of Gender, Youth & Social Services will receive a standard ambulance inclusive of trained medical personnel, who will be accompanying the fire engines during a disaster or fire rescue mission.

With a defined structured framework of collabora-

tion between the two parties, CGN will successfully deliver to Nyeri people in terms of disaster management, emergency services and rescue for persons in distress.

The County Government of Nyeri, under the able leadership of governor Kahiga is committed to forming collaborative relationships to guarantee that its residents continue receiving the highest quality of service to which they are entitled.

County Attorney Kimani Rucuiya and County Secretary Benjamin Gachichio oversaw the signing of the MoU.

Chair of the Gender committee in the County Assembly MCA Patrick Mutahi affirmed that the Bill on Disaster Management has been gazetted. MCA Mutahi said that he will be tabling it at the assembly next week.





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H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga with members of Dedan Kimathi Foundation during the Nyeri County World Environment Day at Nairutia Vocational Training Centre in Kieni West sub county.

Nyeri County targets to increase forest cover to 42%

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga said that plans are under way to ensure there is reafforestation of a 500 acre forest in Kieni West sub-county which will be done through public private partnership.

By Faith Hiuhi

Nyeri Governor H. E Mutahi Kahiga presided over the Nyeri County World Environment Day where he said that the county targets to increase the forest cover from the current 38% to 42%.

The governor noted that the County Government of Nyeri will ensure that every ECDE centre establishes a nursery bed for tree seedlings.

At the same time, Governor Kahiga said that plans are under way to ensure there is reafforestation of a 500 acre forest in Kieni

West sub-county which will be done through public private partnership.

“In efforts to realize sustainable Environmental and Natural Resource management and conservation, in this financial year 2020/2021, Nyeri County has achieved major milestones in regulatory frameworks that form important vehicles for environmental protection.

Among them, the adoption and enactment of the Nyeri County Forestry Policy and Act and the Nyeri County Climate Change

Policy and Act, among other legal instruments in the pipeline including the Nyeri County Solid Waste Management policy and Bill. These are key strides towards future sustainable natural environment and climate resilient communities in Nyeri County,” noted the governor.

Trees helps in environmental conservation, attracts rain, gives off oxygen that we need to breathe. The trees also reduces the amount of storm water runoff, which reduces erosion and pollution in

our waterways and may reduce the effects of flooding. Trees provide food, protection, and homes for many birds and mammals among other social and economic benefits.

The event attended by representatives from over 10 environmental organizations was held at Nairutia Vocational Training Centre, Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub-county.

This year’s theme was ‘Ecosystem Restoration’ with a slogan of Act Now, Restore Nature and Livelihood.



PHOTO | KENNEDY KARANJA

A group photo of the Senate Standing Committee and members of the Council of Governors during an inquiry report validation workshop. H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga (sitting 3rd left) officially opened the workshop.

ECDE inquiry report validation workshop

Nyeri County has employed over 800 ECDE teachers, built and renovated 39 ECDE centres across the county with an aim of ensuring young novices have favourable learning environs.

By Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga officially opened a two-day Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) inquiry report validation workshop for the Senate Standing Committee on Education in his capacity as the CoG Education Committee chair as well as representing the CoG Chair H.E Martin Wambora.

The inquiry report seeks to inform corrective measures and interventions to rationalize the roll out, uptake and implementation of ECDE at the Counties.

Governor Kahiga noted that ECDE has registered commendable growth due to the increased investment by the County Governments towards this sector.

The governor added that Nyeri County has employed over 800 ECDE teachers, built and renovated 39 ECDE centres across the county with an aim of ensuring young novices have favourable learning environs. The county government also distributes ECDE learning materials and teaching guides across the 436

ECDE centres every year. The ECDE materials included tables, plastic chairs, play equipment, reading and writing equipment, teaching guides among other things which were specifically tailored for the pupils' comfort and to enhance a conducive learning environment.

He appreciated all the stakeholders that have helped in the acceleration and uptake of the pre-primary education and mainstreaming it in the basic education system.

However despite the numer-

ous success stories by the counties, he noted that there are several challenges that have faced the ECDE sector such as inadequate teaching, learning and play materials, limited ECDE staff, inadequate community participation, inadequate comprehensive nutrition and health support services.

He called upon mitigation and intervention by both levels of government and the necessary stakeholders to implement the much needed reforms.

Youth congress consultative forum-youth leagues in CEREB

The platform which brought together youth organizations and youth group leaders drawn from the 11 counties in the bloc, purposed to inform the government on matters involving the youth and subsequent solutions to the challenges they face.

By Jane Baru



Gender CECM Esther Ndung'u (3rd left) with officials from the Mt. Kenya and Aberdares Youth Leagues during the youth forum.

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Service continues to recognize the enormous contribution of youth in the county's development sector. It is for this reason that the government has continued to invest in the youth through programs and projects.

In light of this, Gender, Youth and Social Services CECM Esther Ndung'u joined a consultative forum for the Mt. Kenya and Aberdares Youth Leagues. The

platform which brought together youth organizations and youth group leaders drawn from the 11 counties in the bloc, purposed to inform the government on matters involving the youth and subsequent solutions to the challenges they face.

The CEC lauded the initiative seeing that its one that focuses on equipping and empowering the youth. Just like the County Government of Nyeri, the Youth Congress also champions for the youth agenda through the youth policy at the national

and county level.

She also highlighted on the youth space and available opportunities in the county noting that youth issues cut across all the departments. She urged the youth to work together, support each other, and become part of the solution.

Led by the Youth Congress convener Mr. Raphael Obonyo, Youth Leagues from Central Kenya economic bloc counties hope to build a strong youth voice and collective action, by improving the condition and

position of youths at all levels locally and globally.

The youth also had an opportunity to engage in a question and answer session with the CEC on matters youth space and opportunities at the county and regional level.

The CEC was also honored to receive and unveil the manifesto for the Youth Congress and Manual for Youth Leagues in Kenya.

One Acre Fund team courtesy call to the governor

By Faith Hiuhi

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga met with a team from One Acre Fund, where they deliberated on food security and areas of partnership to lead the people of Nyeri on a path of prosperity towards the same. The team leader Koome McCourt noted that there is potential to synergize the market access program for both Macadamia and Avocado in the county. Governor Kahiga pointed out that farming is the engine of the county's development further noting that his government is committed towards partnering with such entities to en-



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sure that food security is attained. One Acre Fund envisions a world where all farmers have big harvests, healthy families, and rich soil.

In line with this, it has served over 4,000 farmers in four sub-counties in Nyeri County which are Mukurwe-ini, Tetu, Mathira East and Mathira

West. The farmers have already benefited with over Kshs. 36 million from the programme.

Governor meets with KCGWU Nyeri officials

By Faith Hiuhi

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga met with Kenya County Government

Workers Union (KCGWU), Nyeri branch officials for a consultative meeting in his

office.

During the meeting, they deliberated on various mat-

ters which are meant to improve on the welfare of over 4,000 workers in the County Government of Nyeri.

The governor emphasized that the county government's leadership is committed to improving the working conditions of the staff through training and motivation of staff.

The team of unionists were led by the branch Chairman Charles Kagwi and Secretary Mary Wachira.



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Covishield & HPV vaccination exercise in Nyeri

The County Government of Nyeri is committed to ensure 10-year-old girls in Nyeri are vaccinated against HPV in an effort to protect its people.

By Kenneth Ngatia



Nyeri medical officers (white lab coats) together with some of Nyamachaki's girls shortly after they were vaccinated against HPV. Over 200 school girls aged 10 years were vaccinated while 37 teachers received a second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine (Covishield) in five different schools within Nyeri town.

The Department of Health Services in collaboration with AMREF Health Africa carried out a Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination to over 200 schools girls aged 10 years and also administered a second dose of Covid-19 vaccine (Covishield) to 37 teachers in five different schools within Nyeri

town. At Githwariga Primary School, 69 girls received HPV vaccine while 8 teachers got a second Covid-19 jab. 57 girls and 16 teachers were vaccinated for HPV and Covishield respectively at Nyamachaki Primary School. At King'ong'o Primary, 50 girls and 10 teachers

were vaccinated while at Chania, only a total of nine girls received the shot. 16 girls and 3 teachers received HPV and Covishield shot respectively at HillFarm Primary School. Over 220 teachers have been trained on HPV in order to work as a link between the county's Health Department and the girls'

parents. All healthcare workers in the county have also been trained on the same. The County Government of Nyeri is committed to ensure 10-year-old girls in Nyeri are vaccinated against HPV in an effort to protect its people.

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Partnership between CoG and KATTI



By Kennedy Karanja

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga, in his capacity as the Council of Governors (CoG) Education Committee chair together with the Acting CoG CEO Mary Mwiti chaired a meeting with a team from the Kenya Association of Technical Training Institutions (KATTI) at the CoGs headquarters-Delta House.

The Kenya Association of Technical Training Institutions (KATTI) is a professional body that co-ordinates the activities of Technical Training Institutes in the country.

The Association provides a common forum for identifying common interests to the institutions and determines strategies for addressing such issues for the purpose of improvement of Technical Education and Training in Kenya.

They deliberated on possible workings and synergy of KATTI and the CoG for the common benefit of the institutions. The collaboration will link VTCs to KATTI member institutions for student exchange programs and tutor career progress as well as skills upgrade for tutors in the youth polytechnics which are under the County Governments.

KATTI will also help in the certification of Jua Kali artisans who have the necessary skills but have no certification papers. In addition, Technical Training students will be able to participate in KATTI co-curricular activities.



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TENDER NOTICE

Bids are invited from qualified bidders for the under mentioned.

TENDER REFERENCE	TENDER DESCRIPTION	BID BOND
CGN/CPSME&S/55/ 2020-2021	PURCHASE OF LAND FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT SITE WITHIN NYERI COUNTY (RE- ADVERTISEMENT)	-
CGN/CPSME&S/56 /2020-2021	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SKIP/ LITTER BINS	KSH 90,000.00

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

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

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

And placed in the tender box located at the Governor's Office Ground Floor or sent by post to reach on or before **16th June 2021 at 11:00am.**

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

County Secretary
County Government of Nyeri

Roads upgrade program

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS, INFRASTRUCTURE & ENERGY - BY JOHN NDEGWA



Recently upgraded Mama Emily- Mama Kamende road in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub-county.



The new face of Igathu Primary-Kiboya Gatagwa and Tanyai forest road in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub-county.



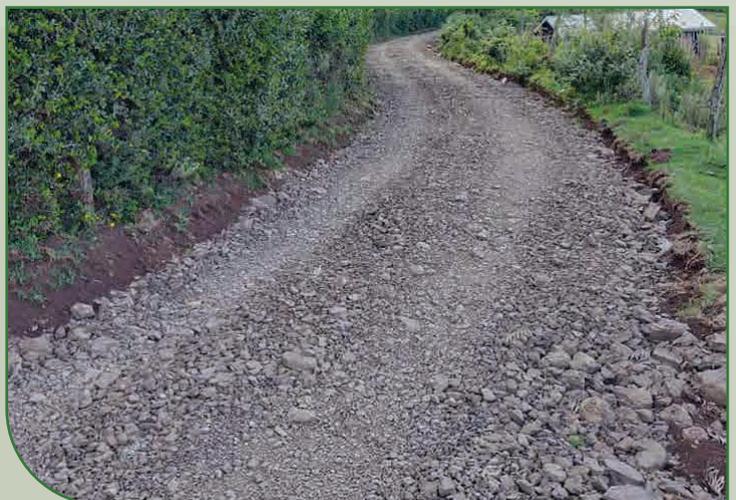
Newly installed street lights at Mweiga AIPCA Junction in Mweiga ward, Kieni West sub-county.



Ongoing upgrading of Gathui-ini - Itiati feeder road in Karatina ward, Mathira East sub-county.



Grading of Ngorano to lifeboy road is currently ongoing in Ruguru ward, Mathira West sub-county.



Recently upgraded Gathiringo-Mwalimu road in Endarasha/Mwiyogo ward, Kieni West sub-county.

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The new face of Ragati-Mungi road in Karatina ward, Mathira East.



The ongoing installation of streetlights at GMS area in Rware ward, Nyeri town.



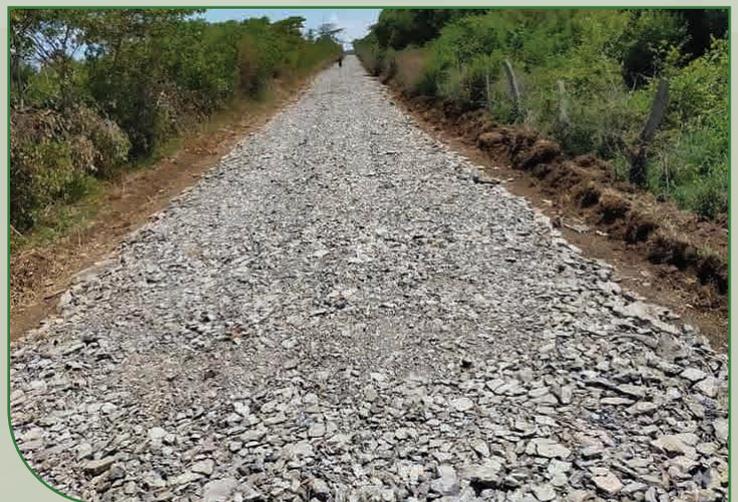
Ongoing upgrading of Gathui-ini - Itiati feeder road in Karatina ward, Mathira East sub county.



The ongoing rehabilitation of Gathehu (Kwa Waimiri-Kairini rd), Magutu ward in Mathira West sub-county.



The ongoing rehabilitation of Maingirano Road in Aguthi/ Gaaki ward, Tetu sub-county.



The upgraded Igathu primary-Kiboya Gatagwa and Tanyai forest road in Mugunda ward, Kieni West sub-county.