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CGN injects Kshs. 61 million in medical drugs and supplies

By Governor's Press Unit

The County Government of Nyeri under the leadership of H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga has procured a consignment of drugs from the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) to tackle the drug shortage problem that was being experienced within the medical facilities. So far, drugs worth Kshs.

11 million have been received and distributed to all the health facilities across Nyeri County.

Another consignment of non-pharmaceuticals worth Kshs. 9 million and pharmaceuticals worth Kshs. 41 million will be delivered in due course.

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months as the county government organizes to procure another batch in the wake of a new financial year.

Governor Kahiga reiterated the importance of the Nyeri County Health Services Fund which will mitigate such challenges in the future by ensuring monies collected within the hospi-

itals, remain within the facilities for purchase of drugs and other necessities.

He also thanked the medical personnel for their dedication and hard work despite the challenges they have been experiencing.

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Official opening of Mweiga town bus park

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PHOTO | KENNEDY KARANJA

The recently commissioned Mweiga Bus Park in Mweiga ward, Kieni West sub county.

By Njambi Mugo

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga officially opened the upgraded Mweiga Town bus park and newly constructed Mweiga stage stalls in Mweiga ward, Kieni West sub-county. Matatu operators will now conduct their businesses in a new - cabro park which was initially muddy on rainy days and dusty on sunny days. Governor Kahiga urged the matatu saccos to

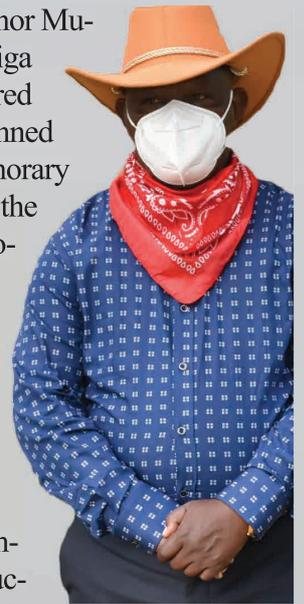
create a committee for space allocation further adding that the county government will look into constructing offices for the different saccos. He noted that the county government has also constructed stalls which will create a conducive environment for residents to conduct their trading activities. Area MCA Hon. Kawanjiku Kawanjiku thanked the governor

for the various projects he's implemented in the ward, noting that they have significantly improved the ward and benefitted the residents. The county government is currently constructing an ultra-modern bus termini at Asian Quarters, Nyeri Town and has upgraded bus parks in other towns such as Mukurwe-ini.

Rotary Club officials' installation ceremony

By Ivy Muruga

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga was honoured to be pinned as an honorary member of the Nyeri Rotary Club during their Joint Installation and Honorary Member Induction held in King'ong'o near Nyeri town.



The governor congratulated the new presidents of the Rotary Club of Nyeri and Rotaract Club of KMTCC Nancy Ng'ang'a and Kevin Mwangi respectively as well as Joyce King'ori who was also pinned as an honorary member. Julie Githinji and Fr. Fiacommo were also recognized as honorary members.

He urged the new leadership to remain accountable and to serve diligently in their new positions. He also encouraged all Rotary members to keep soldiering on so as to achieve their vision which is 'to see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in the communities, and in themselves'.

The club members had earlier paid a courtesy call to the governor in his office.

Kirimukuyu ward visit in Mathira West

The governor issued pipes worth Kshs. 1.2 million for the Kahuro Komu Water Project in Kiangi in Ngorano division. He assured his government's commitment to ensuring residents have access to adequate water supply.

By Faith Hiuhu



Kirimukuyu MCA Hon. Muriithi Ndagita (left) with H.E Mutahi Kahiga at Karogoto Dispensary in Kirimukuyu ward, Mathira West. The county government is committed towards prioritizing healthcare for the great people of Nyeri especially such projects which align with the Big 4 Agenda.

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga has kicked off his visit to all the 30 wards to commission, inspect and take stock of the progress of various projects in all corners of Nyeri County.

Together with Kirimukuyu MCA Hon. Anthony Ndagita, the governor commissioned 10 projects in Kirimukuyu ward, Mathira West sub-county.

The projects, under the ward specific funds operationalized by Governor Kahiga, have transformed lives and enhanced the quality of life.

Gatiko Dispensary

The dispensary was started over 15 years ago but stalled. The county government has

since renovated the facility which will be operational within a month since funds for equipment and furniture have been set aside. Medical staff will also be posted in order for the locals to benefit. The contractor is now working on the chain link fence and ablution block.

The newly

renovated Thaithi Dispensary

The facility was constructed by the local community over five years ago but stalled. The county government has since renovated the facility and it will soon be functional once all works have been completed. One side will be turned into a rehabilitation centre.

Roads

Governor Kahiga commissioned Gichuthui-ini-Kiamachimbi and Rititi Primary- Rititi PCEA-Kwa Gata Roads

The roads have been upgraded by the county government which is committed to improving the road network in Nyeri County. The roads will ease movement of the area residents as well as the transportation of farm produce. Infrastructural development is key in economic transformation and realization of goals and vision.

Gacuiro ECDE Centre

The governor opened a modern class at Gacuiro ECDE



Centre. The newly renovated class by the Department of Education & Sports will create a conducive environment for the pupils learning at the centre.

Ruthagati market shade

The governor also commissioned Ruthagati market shade (pictured above) and stalls.

The facility which is in the first phase, is a reprieve to traders dealing with retail and agricultural produce aiming for value addition,

great economic opportunities and new potentials created. The market stalls will also improve working conditions for traders.

Water pipes

The governor issued pipes (pictured below) worth Kshs. 1.2 million for the Kahuro Komu Water Project in Kiangi in Ngorano division. He assured his government's commitment to ensuring residents have access to adequate water supply. Previously, a borehole and water tank worth Kshs. 5.6 million was constructed by one of the county govern-



Kirimukuyu MCA Hon. Muriithi Ndagita (left) with H.E Mutahi Kahiga at Karogoto Dispensary distributing some of the water pipes of Kahuro Komu Water Project.

ment's partners; IFAD.

Gathogorero ECDE Centre

The governor commissioned two modern classes at Gathogorero ECDE Centre.

The newly constructed classes by the Department of Education & Sports will create a conducive environment for the pupils learning at the centre.

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BELOW: Gathogorero ECDE Centre.



Gichuthu-ini - Kiamachimbi road.

Karogoto Dispensary

He also opened Karogoto Dispensary whose construction started 15 years ago under NG-CDF but the county government has made it operational after renovation, equipping and posting staff.

Street lights

Governor Kahiga launched street lights at Ngurumo area.

The street lights will boost security in the area and aid traders in prolonging their working hours.

Training course for traffic marshals

The induction course will provide the marshals with necessary skills, knowledge and information required in the discharge of their duties.

By Ivy Muruga



PHOTO | PETER WANGARI

The Nyeri Municipal Board has organized a two-week training course for Traffic Marshals.

The course commenced on

14th June 2021 at the City Inspectorate Training College, Nairobi.

The programme had two components, theory classes-

14th to 18th June and practical classes - 21st to 25th June at the duty station.

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necessary skills, knowledge and information required in the discharge of their duties. It will also enhance their discipline, understanding of the traffic laws and public relations.

While inspecting the Guard of Honour, Nyeri Governor H. E. Mutahi Kahiga, advised the marshals that he expects smooth flow of both vehicles and non motorized traffic with minimal conflicts with other road users, maintenance of law and order in town and enforcement of traffic rules and regulations. The officers will serve busy towns in the county.

Nyeri County musicians board courtesy call to governor

By Ivy Muruga

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga hosted a team from the Nyeri County Musicians Board in his office led by the chairman Simon Maina.

He lauded the team for forming a Sacco that will enable them pool resources together to expand their industry.

The County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Trade, Tourism and

Cooperatives will support the musicians by providing them with a platform to grow their talent. He noted that music is key part of growing our cultural identity; hence its important it be preserved.



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Employability soft skills training for TVET graduates

The project targets 250 youth who graduated from the county's VTCs between 2016 and 2020 who will be trained on employability soft skills.

By Jane Baru

Employability skills should be a necessity for every TVET graduate as they prepare TVET graduates for the work market.

Youth unemployment is largely a labour demand issue. However, the Kenyan economy is not producing enough employment to meet the growing number of young people entering the labour market. Technical abilities alone are insufficient to enable trainees to behave creatively in a competitive labor market; soft skills are required to unlock them.

In light of this, the County Government of Nyeri through the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services in conjunction with the Help Self Help Centre (HSHC) through the Embassy of Finland is developing a pilot project which seeks to improve the employability of Technical and Vocational Education and Training graduates within the county.

The department's CECM Esther Ndung'u hosted the director Mr. Bernard Muchiri and project coordinator Mr. Naftali Mutahi

from HSHC, to deliberate on the milestones achieved in the preparation of the project. The department's Ag. Director Munyiri Kibira was also present in the meeting as part of the project heads.

The project targets 250 youth who graduated from the county's VTCs between 2016 and 2020.

The two parties were in agreement that in addition to the knowledge and skills they needed for work, TVET graduates should also have adequate language, literacy, and numeracy skills, which

are essential for a sustainable economy and society.

The project will also see four innovative youth-owned business ideas receive innovation awards. These will be from the most unique ideas that are linked to rural productive sectors. At least 60% of the four incubated, innovative business ideas hope to attract further up-scaling support from government, NGOs, private sector and impact funders.

H.E Muta-hi Kahiga (Centre) with Nyeri County Commissioner Loyford Kibaara after a meeting on management of Chaka Market with a team from the National Government.



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Consultative meeting on Chaka Market management

The newly constructed modern market, located in Chaka Township Nyeri County, will be the biggest market in the region, will host over 2,000 small scale traders and benefit over 30,000 farmers both directly and indirectly.

By Ivy Muruga

Nyeri Governor H.E Muta-hi Kahiga met with a team from the National Government led by Eng. B. K. Njenga from the State Department for Housing and Urban Development and County Commissioner Loyford Kibaara for a consultative meeting on the management of the state-of-the-art Chaka Market.

The newly constructed modern market, located in Chaka Township, Kieni East, Nyeri County, will be the biggest market in the region, will host over 2,000 small scale traders and benefit over 30,000 farmers both directly and indirectly. This will sub-

sequently improve the living standards of the Nyeri residents and create more trading opportunities.

The market built by the National Government will have two parts; the traditional market which will be managed by the County

Government of Nyeri and the hybrid market consisting of value addition systems including cold rooms, packaging rooms, special economic zones which will be managed by the national government.

List for space allocation will

be drawn up by a committee consisting of members from the national government, county government and the market representatives, which will later be published in the daily newspapers.

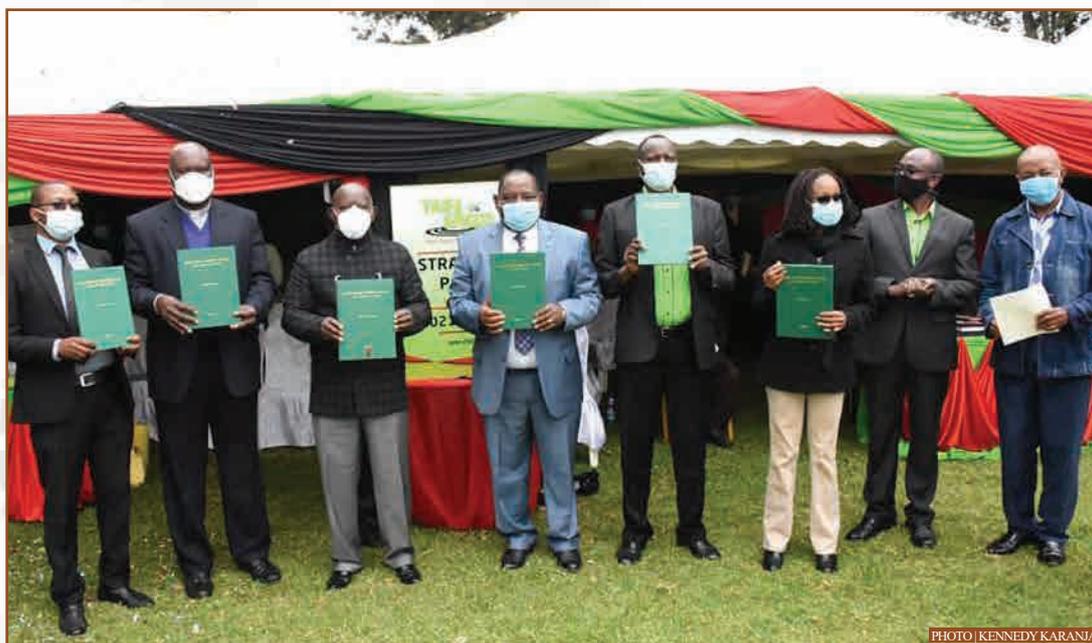
Eng. Njenga assured the county leadership of the National Government's commitment towards supporting programs implemented within the county and lauded the successful implementation of the ultra-modern bus termini located at Asian Quarters, Nyeri. The bus terminus is a project under the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP).



Taifa Sacco strategic management plan launch

Taifa Sacco has grown in leaps and bounds from the small banking section to the current 2nd tier level Sacco and is also on the verge of becoming a 1st tier Sacco.

By Ivy Muruga



Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga (third left), Trade CEC Diana Kendi (third right) and officials from Taifa Sacco holding copies of five – year- strategic management plan.

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga joined members of Taifa Sacco Society Ltd during the official launch of the 2021-2025 Strategic Management Plan.

The Sacco was started in 1974 as a banking section of the Nyeri District Cooperation Union to offer banking services to the rural farmers in Nyeri district who were members of Cooperative Societies.

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Sacco and is on the verge of becoming a 1st tier Sacco. The growth has been witnessed in all aspects of the Sacco in terms of membership, capital growth, the loan book, the cash deposit, and the total assets that now stand at about Kshs. 4 billion.

The Sacco's presence is felt in all the sub-counties of our great county; Nyeri Central, Karatina, Othaya, Mukurweini, Chaka, Naromoru, Kimahuri, Mweiga, Kiawara, Nairutia and Enderasha towns as

it provides a platform for economic growth for Nyeri citizenry as well.

The Strategic Plan will focus on the following 7 pillars. Membership that will look into the increment of quality members, aligning products and services to members changing needs, sustainable and healthy credit management, financial performance in increasing members wealth sustainably, infrastructural and operations development by enhancing ICT, mobile banking, Human Resource

Management in attracting skill, up-skilling, retaining and motivating staff and in leadership and governance in creating a stable, effective and sustainable governance structure.

“It is also important to note that in the last strategic plan for the period 2016-2020, Taifa Sacco granted a total of over Ksh 6.5 billion predominantly in the agricultural sector in Nyeri (coffee, tea, dairy, horticulture, business and salaried),” the governor added.

The launch of the strategic plan event was held in Nyeri town. It also doubled as a thanksgiving ceremony which was led by Rev. Henry Lumboga.

The County Government of Nyeri recognizes the crucial role that Saccos play and indeed, the role that Taifa Sacco plays. Savings and Credit Co-operatives are among the leading sources of credit for socio-economic development in Kenya.

The governor also awarded the sacco retirees James Kimata and Michael King'ori and Charity Gikungu, Mary Waithira Wilson Njoora were awarded as the longest serving staff.

Oxygen plant at Karatina Level 4 hospital operational

By Njambi Mugo

The oxygen plant set up at the Karatina Level 4 Hospital by the County Government of Nyeri is now fully functional. The facility will boost supply of oxygen, especially now, where a need for Medical oxygen has surged due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The oxygen has been piped to all the wards.



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Nyeri Court Users Committee training forum

By Njambi Mugo



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Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga joined the Nyeri Court Users Committee (CUCs) for their training workshop themed 'Leveraging on stakeholders synergies for administration of justice'. The forum, which was conducted in collaboration

between the Judiciary and the Federation of Women Leaders (FIDA) sought to address gender and mental health issues within the system. Governor Kahiga lauded the continuous collaboration between the County Government of Nyeri and the judiciary adding that his gov-

ernment is fully committed to supporting these law enforcing entities. He further added that through the Department of Gender, Youth and Social Services, the county government will continue addressing and championing against gender issues such as gender based vio-

lence and inequalities being faced within the county. The governor also called upon the law enforcers to continuously offer psychosocial support to its officers so as to minimize the rising cases of suicides and murders.

Governor Mutua's visit in Nyeri

Governors Kahiga and Mutua extensively discussed trade and agricultural matters such as value addition of farm produce such as coffee, tea and avocados and their optimal production.

By Ivy Muruga

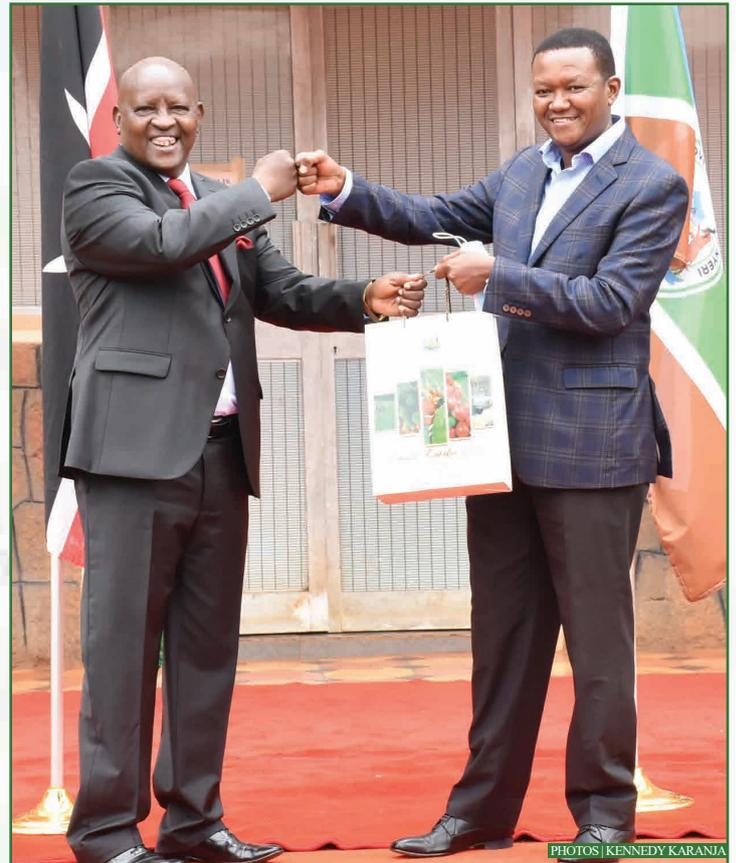
Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga hosted Machakos Governor H.E Dr. Alfred Mutua who paid him a courtesy call in his office.

The two governors deliberated on devolution and possible avenues of inter-county partnerships and collaboration to spur economic development and transformation and enhance efficient service delivery. Governors Kahiga and Mutua extensively discussed trade and agricultural matters such as value addition of farm produce such as coffee, tea and avocados and their optimal production and subsequent sale as well as mitigating unemployment

among the youth. .

The two called upon Treasury to immediately release the pending county funds as operations will soon grind to a halt if they are not fiscally supported. Council of Governors Chairperson Governor Martin Wambora had earlier raised an alarm over the issue saying over 102 billion shillings has not been transferred to the county governments. Furthermore, as of today, only 5 billion out of 39 billion has been disbursed to the county governments in a precarious situation.

Governor Mutua hailed Governor Kahiga for the transformation in Nyeri



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county, saying he has seen visible incredible changes since his last visit to Nyeri county. The two governors reiterated their commitment to work together as the County Government of Nyeri and the County Government of Machakos to realize the potential of devolution and its benefits to the citizenry.

CoG annual performance review meeting

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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H.E Mutahi Kahiga (second right) with CoG Chair H.E Martin Wambora with other officers of Council of Governors during the annual performance review meeting at Aberdare Country Club, Nyeri.

By Joseph Wambugu

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga hosted CoG Chairman H.E Martin Wambora in Nyeri during an annual performance review meeting at the Aberdare Country Club. The three -day retreat of the Council of Governors' staff is meant to review the performance of financial year 2020/2021 and take stock of CoG Strategic Plan 2022-

2027. All the 47 counties have made much progress by transforming lives despite the financial challenges. Governor Kahiga urged the CoG staff to carry out their work professionally by use of performance contracts in order to achieve their goals. Earlier, the governor had hosted the CoG Chair who

had paid him a courtesy call. The two governors discussed matters devolution, appreciating the National Treasury's gesture of releasing Kshs. 43 Billion which will ensure operations within the counties don't come to a halt due to the cash crunch which had been experienced in the last few months. They called upon treasury to

release the remaining funds owed to the counties, which will allow the counties to timely pay the pending bills owed to suppliers alongside other statutory dues. Governor Wambora lauded governor Kahiga for the exemplary work he has done in transforming Nyeri County and his commitment to serving the local mwananchi.

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NGEC courtesy call to governor

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By Faith Hiuhu



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H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga hosted a team from the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) led by the chairperson Dr. Joyce Mutinda.

They deliberated on matters

special interest groups which include women, youth, persons with disabilities (PWDs), children, the older members of society, minorities, gender bases violence cases and teen pregnancies

and the role that the County Government of Nyeri has been playing in making their lives better.

They further discussed the impact of Covid-19 on the special interest groups in the

county and the mitigation measures that the county government has put in place to deal with the adverse effects of the pandemic on the same groups.

Dr. Joyce Mutinda lauded governor Kahiga for the speedy implementation of the Nyeri Health Services Fund, noting that this only goes to show that the leadership of the county has the best interest of the people of Nyeri at heart.

The governor stated that the county government is ready to continue looking into the issues affecting special interest groups especially during the Covid-19 period and come up with ways of dealing with the challenges they are facing.



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CONGRATULATIONS

ANCY KANGAI MBUBA

For

WINNING THE GLOBAL NURSING AWARD



MedPro International

Ancy Kangai Mbuba is a nurse working at the Nyeri County Referral Hospital.

She recently participated in a nursing global award competition dubbed **The Globe Award with MedPro International, a USA based company and university.** Ancy received many votes from her peers and colleagues.

"I am truly humbled to receive this international award. I would like it known that many Kenyan nurses, including us nurses in Nyeri, provide exceptional care to a point of being recognized universally. I am immensely grateful."

Roads upgrade program

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



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



Ongoing street lights installation at Giathenge centre - Karima Catholic Parish, Karima ward, Othaya sub-county.



Newly installed street lights at the upcoming people's park in Ihururu, Dedan Kimathi ward, Tetu sub county



Ongoing upgrading of Toll- Solid Rock road in Kaaga area, Gakawa ward, Kieni East sub county.



Recently rehabilitated Mikoe - Thoko-ini road in Iria-ini ward, Othaya sub-county.



Ongoing roads upgrade program in Magutu ward, in Mathira East sub-county.