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“WHATEVER THE MIND OF MAN CAN CONCEIVE AND BELIEVE, IT CAN ACHIEVE”



Governor's top priority has been ensuring that Kiambu residents receive value for their money

New Dawn

KIAMBU AFYA

- ✓ Free Inpatient and Outpatient services
- ✓ Coverage of Chronic Diseases
- ✓ Last Expense Cover of Ksh100,000



H.E Dr. Kimani Wamatangi launches the 'Kiambu Afya', at Kirigiti Stadium. This is a life changing universal healthcare program for Kiambu residents.

Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi has wasted no time in rolling out his agenda to transform the County. For about a year he has been in office, the Governor has tirelessly worked towards steering the County's development program in the right direction. Governor Wamatangi, an early riser,

has taken a hands-on approach, implementing carefully crafted strategies to swiftly achieve his vision of "making Kiambu great again." The rallying call of "Making Kiambu Great Again" has not been a mere rhetoric; it has translated into significant and tangible improvements in the County. Governor Wamatangi's proactive

leadership and well-executed plans have set the stage for transformative changes, marking a promising start to his ambitious agenda for Kiambu. One of the Governor's top priorities has been ensuring that Kiambu residents receive value for their money. The county has implemented various cost-cutting measures to optimise resources and im-

prove services across all departments.

Kiambu Afya

Health being one of the most important devolved functions, the Wamatangi administration has put the sector as a top priority to ensure that residents access quality and affordable healthcare as he promised in his campaigns.

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Key Achievements

- Kiambu Afya-Universal healthcare for all
- Revival of Tigoni, Bibirioni, Wangige, Lari and Thogoto hospitals
- Construction of 13 new level three hospitals Renovations of 15 existing hospitals
- Kshs 300 million bursary kitty
- Construction of 180 state of the art ECDEs
- Over 100 kilometres water pipes network
- New municipalities: Githunguri, Lari, Gatundu, Juja, Kabete, Githurai
- Opened and rehabilitated 800 rural roads
- Rehabilitation of Makongeni, Kiambu and Lower Kikuyu bus parks
- Distributed certified maize seeds and fertiliser to over 300,000 residents
- Improved Kienyeji chicks distribution to women in all 60 wards
- Governor's Football tournament with over 700 teams from all wards.
- Ksh25 million dairy related equipment

The Wamatangi administration has commenced the modernisation of all 524 public ECDEs in the county, which had been in a sorry state due to neglect by previous administrations **P.6**



Soaring to sporting heights: Kiambu sports resurgence with upgraded stadiums, youth tournaments **P.15**

Making Kiambu great again



ROADS

Ongoing tarmacking in Ondiri.



Cabro paving works around Felma Park in Kahawa Sukari.



Tarmacking of Makongeni Bus Park in Thika Town.

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This is one pledge that he has already actualised with the recently launched "Kiambu Afya" plan, marking a bold step towards Universal Healthcare.

This initiative, in support of President William Ruto's vision, aims to make healthcare affordable and accessible. The County's collaboration with the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) has enrolled over 70,600 households, benefiting more than 300,000 individuals, with plans to extend coverage to nearly 500,000 this year.

Education boost

Under the visionary "Leave No Child Behind" initiative in the education sector, the Governor increased the budgetary allocation for bursary from Kshs. 100 million to Kshs. 300 million. There are plans to further elevate bursary allocation to a substantial Ksh 500 million in the next Financial Year.

"When I took over, I was appalled by the grim state of some Early Childhood Development Education (ECDEs) centres in Kiambu. I resolved that this was an immediate task to give our children decent learning facilities," the Governor notes.

Governor Wamatangi has commissioned the construction of 180 state-of-the-art ECDE centres that will include classrooms, offices, ablution blocks, and play areas. According to the Governor, this is the first step in the plan to modernise all 524 ECDE centres within the next three years.

Maji Nyumbani

Kiambu County has over the years experienced water scarcity challenges, with prolonged droughts and a growing population putting significant pressure on limited water resources. However, the 'Maji Nyumbani' program, spearheaded by Governor Wamatangi has been put in place to rectify the situation.

"The 'Maji Nyumbani' initiative involves a substantial investment in water infrastructure. Over 100 kilome-

tres of network pipes and 30 strategically located water tanks have been procured and delivered to establish more than 5,000 water connections, serving over 10,000 households," notes Governor Wamatangi.

In another bid to boost water supply in the County, Governor Wamatangi has engaged with the national government to secure Ksh 5.7 billion to expand the capacity of the Karemnu Dam. This expansion will benefit not only Kiambu but also Ruiru, Juja, and Thika, addressing long-standing water shortages and enhancing water distribution across these areas.

On environmental matters, the County Government has designated a monthly community cleanup to maintain a clean and healthy environment.

New municipalities

Kiambu County has also made notable progress in services delivery and enhancing urban development initiatives, bringing essential amenities closer to the people.

One of the major achievements is the establishment of six new mu-

nicipalities, namely Githunguri, Lari, Gatundu, Juja, Kabete and Githurai. With their new status, these municipalities are poised to receive substantial grants from the World Bank and other donors, ranging from Sh400 million to 500 million per year. These funds will be directed towards essential infrastructure projects, including road construction, water connectivity, sewerage, street lighting and modern markets.

The transformation of Thika town into an Industrial Smart City is already on the cards, with Governor Wamatangi already prioritising it in his transformative agenda.

Improved infrastructure

Turning to infrastructure development, Governor Wamatangi's administration has laid special focus on the sector. The County has set up road construction units in each sub-county equipped with the necessary machinery and materials.

"Hundreds of rural access roads have been opened up and restored, with tarmacking projects underway to

further improve transportation in the county," says Roads, Transport and Public Works Chief Officer Mr. Edmond Njehia.

He adds: "we have opened up and rehabilitated over 800 rural roads."

In the agricultural sector, Kiambu County is supporting farmers by distributing essential farm inputs and implementing social empowerment programs.

Financial prudence

In the financial sector, the county has made progress in responsible resource utilisation. Pending bills have been settled, and a clear roadmap is in place to eliminate the remaining debt. An Enterprise Resource System (ERP) has been adopted to manage finances across sectors, exploring additional revenue streams.

In the domain of Youth Affairs and Sports, Kiambu County is rehabilitating and enhancing various sports facilities, including Thika Stadium, Kawaida Sports Ground, Kanjeru Stadium, Ruiru Stadium and Gikambura Super 99.



Chicks, Maize Seeds and Fertilizer, Bursary Cheques Distribution in Ngewa Ward on January 5, 2024.



H.E Dr Kimani Wamatangi preside over the groundbreaking of a new 200-bed Juja Level Four Hospital



Kagema Primary School model ECDE in Komo-thai Ward, Githunguri Sub-County.

New approach has been embraced by the County Government's administration, instilling a culture on time management

Wamatangi's early morning strategy that brought positive change in Kiambu

Every day, at the crack of dawn, Governor Kimani Wamatangi is already seated in his office, prepared to address the needs of his people. Since taking office, the Governor has not only made it a habit but a rule to be at his desk by 5 am.

This new approach has been embraced by the county government's management, instilling a culture of early office attendance to strategise for the day ahead. This shift in mindset has led to the implementation of daily management meetings among top county officials. These sessions focus on thoughtful discussions and planning to devise effective strategies for "Making Kiambu Great Again."

In contrast to other government offices where officials typically arrive after 8 am merely to hang their coats before leaving, the Kiambu County Government maintains a strict routine.

Here, all top county officials are required to participate in a daily management meeting within the Governor's office, spanning from 6:30 am to 9 am. This session serves the purpose of planning and discussing the government's agenda, aligning it with the governor's manifesto and addressing the people's priorities.

Governor Wamatangi presides over the meeting, while the County Secretary's office records the minutes. Additionally, the governor personally takes notes for follow-up and action.

The meeting involves each department presenting their respective work plans, action points and timelines. Progress on previously presented projects and programs is reported, with CECMs or chief officers delivering Power-Point presentations on a large screen mounted on the wall.

Governor Wamatangi actively contributes to the meeting, offering input that includes adjustments, corrections, and guidance to ensure precision in the execution of plans.

Unlike many other organisations where heads of institutions tend to adopt a

one-man-show approach, Governor Wamatangi emphasises a style that fosters collective responsibility in running the county.

According to him, this approach not only enhances transparency and accountability but also ensures that all departmental heads openly share their plans. Moreover, it contributes to increased effectiveness and efficiency.

"The meetings help us understand our position in terms of project plans and execution in each department. They prevent us from working in silos. Everyone comprehends the activities of each department and when a program spans multiple departments, they collaborate in its implementation, avoiding a one-man-show approach," notes Mr. Wamatangi.

The planning department is mandated to have the budget ready and the governor has issued a directive that all call tenders must be paid within 14 days or a maximum of 30 days upon delivery and completion.

Individuals who have previously worked with Wamatangi, whether in his private businesses or during his Senate tenure, attest that early morning planning meetings are his *modus operandi*.

They describe him as a hands-on leader who values tidiness and dedication in all

his endeavours. Wamatangi expects the management team to emulate his approach and instil the culture he has introduced in their subordinates.

In a marked departure from the previous regime, where offices were dilapidated with an unkempt compound, the county offices today undergo regular renovation and are freshly painted. The premises feature a lush green lawn that receives daily watering, reflecting a commitment to maintaining a conducive and aesthetically pleasing work environment.

Mr. James Njuguna, the Chief of Staff, emphasises the importance of the meetings in monitoring the implementation of county projects. In certain instances, departments are required to provide daily updates on specific projects. According to Njuguna, the primary objective of these meetings is to foster a sense of collective responsibility among the leadership regarding the county's management.

He explains: "The meetings provide a platform for leadership to engage in discussions. Members collaborate to enhance proposals, departments offer mutual support, and the governor assumes the role of monitoring, evaluating, and guiding progress based on the action points. The action points are aligned with the timelines set by each department."

This approach ensures that every CECM and chief officer is familiar with the programs of other departments. They are directed to support one another, preventing any department from falling behind and ensuring effective service delivery.

Osman Korar, the CEC for Youth, Sports and Communication, highlights the benefit of discussing programs in other departments during these meetings. He notes: "When making presentations, the governor and the rest of the team provide constructive feedback to enrich ideas or introduce new perspectives. It exemplifies teamwork as we collectively strive to enhance Kiambu."



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Community Health Promoters (CHP) pose for a photo on October 12, 2023.

Kiambu healthcare game-changer

In a time when leadership goes beyond just governing, Governor Kimani Wamatangi has walked the talk in transforming healthcare in Kiambu. His focus on changing the healthcare landscape has seen improvement in infrastructure as well as services.

This healthcare revolution started with the introduction of the "Kiambu Afya", a universal healthcare initiative, which has provided Kiambu residents with the much needed respite on the cost of medical care.

Over 70,000 households have been enrolled in the game changing healthcare scheme carried out in conjunction with the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF).

The program is also providing enhanced coverage for chronic conditions like hypertension and diabetes.

Further, the scheme extends its care to the end of life, offering a Last Expense Cover that allocates Kshs. 100,000 to the family of a registered

beneficiary in case of their passing, easing the burden of funeral expenses.

During the launch of the program at Kirigiti Stadium in Kiambu Town, hundreds of enthusiastic residents gathered to usher the advent of the life-changing scheme that promises to unburden families from the heavy weight of healthcare costs.

NHIF Chairman Engineer Michael Kamau, who graced the event, praised the initiative as a significant stride towards making healthcare more affordable and accessible.

Kamau urged other counties to follow in Kiambu's footsteps, acknowledging the potential for a nationwide improvement in healthcare accessibility and affordability.

"This is a great day for Kiambu people, and if other counties were to follow suit, our nation would make incredible progress in safeguarding the health of its population," he declared.

Governor Wamatangi emphasised



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that providing quality, affordable healthcare is a top priority for his administration and his commitment to revitalise the County's health sector.

"During my time as the Senator of Kiambu, I witnessed the hardships endured by our people due to a struggling healthcare system. The burden

of healthcare costs had forced some of our citizens into poverty, and this was the driving force behind my decision to take action," said the Governor.

Wamatangi outlined steps his government has taken to improve healthcare in the county, including investments in healthcare infrastructure, ambulance refurbishments, and the acquisition of new ambulances.

"Apart from refurbishing the existing ones, we are acquiring six new ambulances. Our aim is to ensure each sub county has two operational ambulances," said the County boss.

He added: "Our healthcare workforce is also receiving vital support. Community Health Promoters (CHPs) are now part of our County employees, strengthening grassroots healthcare. Over 700 healthcare workers have been promoted to enhance our healthcare system."

To bolster the supply chain, Wamatangi said, the County has established a Central Medical Store in Ruiru,

aiming to maintain at least 85 percent stock levels in healthcare facilities.

He said the health department has further invested in technology to ensure that efficiency is a priority.

A new Health Management System to guide operations across all healthcare facets was now in operation, he noted.

Touching on health Infrastructure development, Wamatangi noted that his administration was building 13 new level 3 hospitals, upgrading some to level 4, and renovating existing facilities to provide high-quality care.

"Gachororo and Karuri hospitals will be upgraded to Level 4 status at a cost of Kshs. 210 Million each. Renovation works at 11 healthcare facilities are underway.

Stalled projects are back on track in Tigoni, Bibirioni, Wangige, Lari, and Thogoto hospitals, with contractors dedicated to completing them," he remarked



Kiambu County has rehabilitated over ten ambulances and is acquiring six new ones to boost the healthcare system.



Ongoing works of the construction of Thogoto Level 4 Hospital.



Kiambu County Executive Committee Member for Health Services Dr Elias Maina in routine inspection of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies at Gatundu Level 5 Hospital.

A leap for better healthcare infrastructure

Upon assuming office, Governor Kimani Wamatangi's foremost priority was to address the inadequate hospital infrastructure in the county.

Several hospitals had stalled, earning them the label of white elephants that had absorbed millions in public funds. Githunguri, Thogoto, Lari, Wangige, Bibirioni and Tigoni hospitals were among those affected.

Thogoto Level Four Hospital in Kikuyu sub-county was among those that had stalled. The county government launched it over seven years ago with plans for it to be a cutting-edge hospital boasting 150 beds. The aim was to cater to the densely populated Kikuyu and parts of the adjacent Ndeiya in Limuru. For years, residents in these areas had been compelled to travel considerable distances to access services at Kiambu, Tigoni and Wangige hospitals.

Six level four hospitals launched between 2016 and 2018 have faced challenges as the previous admin-

istration failed to pay contractors, resulting in their departure from the project sites. This setback prevented the expansion of the county's hospital capacity by approximately 1,600 beds.

Under Governor Wamatangi's leadership, these six hospital projects have been revived and simultaneous efforts to elevate Gachororo and Karuri level three facilities in Juja and Kiambaa have commenced. The construction of 200-bed wings in each of these facilities is underway, with the expectation that the county's hospital capacity will significantly increase.

Governor Wamatangi expressed optimism, stating: "Work has now resumed, and we anticipate the completion of the infrastructure work specified in the contracts, enabling immediate outfitting and operationalisation."

Juja has long been the sole sub-county in Kiambu without a level four hospital, compelling patients to seek services in Gatundu, Thika or

Ruiru. Fortunately, it is set to receive a 200-bed facility, thereby meeting the threshold for a level four facility.

Since Governor Wamatangi assumed office, the Kiambu County Government has launched over Sh1.5 billion in health projects. These initiatives include completing stalled projects, constructing 13 new facilities, and undertaking renovations. Some of these projects had been

stagnant for more than a decade, and the existing facilities lacked any refurbishment since their initial construction, lacking even a fresh coat of paint. Mr. Stephen Musyoka, Director of Planning and Administration for Health Services, expressed gratitude for the governor's commitment, declaring it to be a new era in terms of infrastructure and service delivery.

As part of the devolved government's strategy to improve healthcare accessibility and enhance service delivery, Mr. Wamatangi has initiated the construction of 13 new level three hospitals in various county wards. The total cost for these projects amounts to Sh650 million, with each hospital costing Sh50 million.

The county chief estimates that the 13 new facilities will be finished and functional by the end of this year.

This will increase the number of health facilities in the county from 114 to 127.

The governor has performed groundbreaking ceremonies to construct Level Three Hospitals in Ki-

amumbi, Kahawa Sukari, Kawaida, Mwiwoko, Ndenderu, Ndumberi and Gitaru.

Tendering process is complete for Kahawa Wendani, Athena, Gitothua, Kiwaroga and Ndarasha.

"As a County, we strive to provide access to all Kiambu residents, which is why we are establishing health facilities in every ward." Dr. Patrick Nyaga, the county's Chief Officer for health services, said.

The new facilities include an outpatient wing, a maternity wing with 16 beds, a ten-bed general ward, a small theatre, and a mini-laboratory.

Further, renovations are being undertaken in the following health facilities: Thika and Kiambu Level Five hospitals, Kihara, Kigumo, Ige-gania, Tigoni, Nyathuna Level Four hospitals, as well as Kamae, Ngoliba, Kinale, Juja Farm, Makongeni, Rironi and Ngorongo dispensaries.

Additionally, Governor Wamatangi has started creating a multi-billion hospital fund to finance the country's healthcare operations exclusively.

NEW HOSPITALS

Level Three Hospitals

- 6 new Level Four Hospitals
- 13 new Level Three Hospitals
- Renovations in 16 hospitals



Ongoing work at the new Juja Level Four Hospital in Juja Ward, Juja Sub-County.



Bibirioni Hospital in Limuru Ward, which is under construction



Githunguri level 5 hospital.



Ongoing construction Ndumberi Level Three Hospital in Ndumberi Ward.



Lari Level Four Hospital

BEFORE



AFTER



Mbariki ECDE in Nyanduma Ward in Lari Sub-County.

Wamatangi's ECDE revolution

A decade into devolution in Kenya, the disheartening sight of the dilapidated shack with an earthen floor, housing Mbariki Nursery School in Nyanduma Ward's Lari Sub-County, serves as a haunting symbol of the dire conditions that have afflicted Early Childhood Education (ECDE) centres in Kiambu County.

Within these crumbling wooden walls, riddled with holes and intended to be the bedrock and foundation of the children's lives, 30 young minds—18 in PP1 and 12 in PP2 classes—grapple with their lessons and the uncertainty of their future and well-being.

Margaret Muthoni, the chief in-

structor of the facility, reveals that despite pupils being admitted to the facility, which mirrors the condition of most of the 534 centres in the county, many leave after just one term due to its sorry state.

Muthoni explains that, for the

FEEDING PROGRAM

Just out **Nutritious uji** daily
3 boiled eggs per week
36,000 children



two levels of ECDE, the number of pupils has consistently remained under 20, only recently increasing after the County Government of Kiambu introduced a feeding program. This program provides pupils in the county with a daily bowl of uji and three boiled eggs each week.

However, the institution is currently undergoing a significant makeover, thanks to the game-changing efforts of Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi. This initiative not only wholly overhauls the infrastructure of all ECDEs in Kiambu but also transforms the structure of all schools in the county.

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Presently, the county is actively working on 130 ECDE centres, with Governor Wamatangi indicating that 84 of them are in the final stages of construction. These centres are expected to be in use in the first quarter of 2024.

The model ECDE centres feature two classrooms with tiled floors and ceilings, an office, a bathroom for students and staff, and a play area for all 36,254 children in county government-owned ECDE centres.



Wamitaa ECDE in Ngenda Gatundu South.



Kasarini Primary School model ECDE centre in Kiambu Township Ward.



Mutuma ECDE centre in Mang'u Ward, Gatundu North Sub-County.

MODEL ECDE CENTERS

180 under construction

All the **524** centres to be renovated by **2025**

Comprises of **PP1** classroom, **PP2** classroom, administration office at the middle, ablution blocks and children's play area



Leaving no child behind: County bursary kitty to hit unprecedented Kshs 1 billion



Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi during the disbursement of bursary cheques to beneficiaries of the scholarship programs at Kalimoni Ward in Juja Sub-County.



Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi during the disbursement of bursary cheques to beneficiaries of the scholarship programs at Kamenu Ward in Thika Sub-County.

Governor Kimani Wamatangi is not content with just tripling the bursary fund for the county; he is aiming to increase it to an unprecedented Kshs 1 billion in the upcoming academic year.

When he assumed office, the County Government provided only Kshs 100 million in bursaries. However, within just one year, Governor Wamatangi's administration has increased the allocation to Kshs 300 million, with intentions to further raise it to Kshs 500 million in the current academic year.

Governor Wamatangi says that by expanding the bursary fund, his administration would increase the number of beneficiaries and enhance the amount allocated to each student.

While distributing bursary cheques for needy students who returned to school last month, the Governor said the previous administrations were only disbursing Sh100 million per year since the advent of devolution, which he argues is insufficient.

However, according to the county chief, when he came into office, he tripped to kitty to Sh300 million, where Sh100 million was disbursed in March last year, another similar amount was awarded in July while another Sh100 million was disbursed in November to cover needy students who returned to school this month.

"When I took office, the bursary fund was only

Sh100 million per financial year, but I have tripled it to Sh300 million. As of this January, the amount has increased to Sh500 million. Our goal for the upcoming financial year is to boost it to one billion shillings further. I am committed to fulfilling his election pledge of providing education for all, irrespective of their social standing," stated the Governor.

So far, according to Ms Emily Nkoroi, the acting chief officer in charge of Vocational Training and Social Services, which handles bursary issues within the Department of Education, Culture, Gender, and Social Services, the county has awarded bursaries to approximately 73,000 beneficiaries across the wards.

"The reason why the governor has instructed that we allocate Sh500 million for bursary in this academic year, up from the Sh300 million her gave in 2023, is because he wants to cover more

students given the population of Kiambu County, which outs the number of needy people high, and also increase the amount per beneficiary," Ms Nkoroi said.

Ms Nkoroi said the county was currently working on a special disbursement to cover Form One students since when the county administration issued application forms in November, the Kenya National Examination Council was yet to release KCPE results, and the students were yet to be admitted to secondary schools and therefore they missed out in the allocation.

The governor mentioned that with the increased amounts, a minimum payment of Sh5,000 is being guaranteed for beneficiaries in day schools, while those in boarding institutions will not receive less than Sh10,000.

"From now on, there is no bursary of Sh2,000 to Sh4,000 in Kiambu County. The minimum is Sh5,000 for day school students and Sh10,000 for those in boarding schools which charge higher. We will also give special attention to orphans. We want to ensure if you give a student's bursary, the amount will be sufficient to sustain them in schools," he added.

The County boss emphasised that his administration has implemented a transparent process for identifying bursary scheme beneficiaries. This

procedure, he stated, is initiated at the village level across all 60 wards.

"Our bursaries are distributed openly and in public places, ensuring utmost transparency in the process. My vision is to ensure that no child in Kiambu County is deprived of educational opportunities due to a lack of fees. In some instances involving exceptionally bright students, we provide them full scholarships," Governor Wamatangi noted.

County Assembly Leader of Majority Mr Geoffrey Mucheke, now serving for a second term as the Ward Rep for Kalimoni Ward in Juja, said in the previous term, each of the wards was getting an allocation of Sh1.3 Million per year.

This, he said, was insufficient given the number of needy cases, and this forced them to allocate as low as Sh2,000 per student to cover more beneficiaries.

"But in the last year, when Governor Wamatangi made a paradigm shift on how the bursary will be managed, we have been able to allocate about Sh4 million per ward, and the governor tripped the amount, and with the increment of the kitty to Sh500 million per year, each ward be getting close to Sh7 million which will cover more people. We also welcome the proposal to increase the kitty to Sh1 billion because it will mean each ward be receiving about Sh15 million per year," Mr Mucheke said.

2023 ACADEMIC YEAR DISBURSEMENT

Ksh. 300 million to 75,000 students

2024 allocation-Ksh. 500 million

2025 proposal-Ksh. 1 billion



Road rehabilitation, upgrade of bus termini fuel progress in Kiambu



Gravelling of a section of Juja Farm Juja house main road.



Works at Maziwa-Kiamumbi-Kiu Kenda Road which links the Kiamumbi area and Kiambu-Ruiru Road.

The department of Roads, Transport, Public Works and Utilities continues to improve public infrastructure and utilities in Kiambu.

In the directorate of Transport, three bus parks namely Makongeni, Kiambu and lower Kikuyu have been rehabilitated while work is expected to commence at Karuri and Kwa Maiko bus parks.

Completion of these bus parks will lead to a well-organised and improved public transport, increased revenue, orderly transportation and urban areas and designated trading centres.

The three bus parks are crucial as they all enhance inter county connectivity and economic development and

ease movement of goods and services.

This will be complemented by the inauguration and orientation of the County Transport and Safety Committee which is mandated to among others offer advisory on issues affecting the transport sector including increased road accidents and congestion.

In the last one year, over 800 kilometres of road have been opened up and rehabilitated through routine grading and gravelling throughout the County.

The directorate has also solved a perennial flooding problem in Nyatuhuna Ward through construction of Gikuni-RedHill Bridge. The bridge had collapsed leading to inaccessibility to

homes and flower farms.

To ease accessibility and curb storm water flooding a twin culvert bridge is under construction at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church Mwhiko, elaborate drainage works are also ongoing at Christ the King Church also in Mwhiko while blinded drains are ongoing at Kawaida, Cianda ward.

The directorate of Public Works has continued to offer quality assurance and technical support services to other departments in designing and supervision of 13 proposed Hospitals, Proposed construction and renovation works on 56 ECDE centres, 10 market designs, ablution blocks and modern kiosks prototype, proposed renovation

of 3 stadiums, 6 footbridges among others.

To ensure enhanced security and promote a 24/7 working economy in urban areas and trading centres, routine maintenance and repair of streetlights and flood masts has continuously been ongoing in all the 60 wards.

Fire and rescue officers have continued to conduct rescue, emergency and special services, these has been enhanced by operationalisation of 3 extra fire stations in Kikuyu, Limuru and Githunguri. As at June 2023, the fire and rescue section had successfully attended to 263 Fire incidents, 31 rescue incidents, rescued 248 people, recovered 64bodies, conducted 13 emergency special services and 15

special non-emergency services.

In a bid to increase public awareness on fire prevention and safety, the Kiambu Fire and Rescue Training Centre is offering fire fighting training accredited to TVET, and has successfully trained 600 fire fighters from all over the county.

Over 300 members of the public have also been trained on community fire safety in churches, public barazas and schools

The department of Roads, Transport, Public Works and Utilities is committed to improve and strengthen public infrastructure and Utilities in a bid to spur economic development and better living and working conditions.

Pictorial



Ongoing construction of a double celled bridge which connects Kiuu and Kahawa Weni-dani wards at Bosnia Kiuu River.



Deputy Governor Rosemary Kirika plants a tree in Nyamweru Compartment Thogoyo, Upland Forest during the National Tree Growing Day.



President William Ruto signs visitors' book at Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi's office in Kiambu Town. With them are Deputy Governor Rosemary Kirika, Woman Rep Ann Wamuratha, and County Assembly Majority Leader Godfrey Muccheke.



Learners at Kasarini Primary School ECDE centre in Kiambu Township ward enjoy a cup of uji and a boiled egg. The county government of Kiambu has been feeding all the 36, 000 ECDE learners in 534 centres across the county with a bowl of uji daily and boiled eggs three times a



Governor Kimani Wamatangi (second left), CECM for Finance Nancy Kirumba (left), and Chief Officer William Kimani during the launch of the County's Sh168 billion third "County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2023-2027".



Distribution of fingerlings to local farmers engaging in fish farming in Kinaale area, Lari Sub-County.

Pictorial



Governor Kimani Wamatangi acknowledge greeting from people in Ngewa Ward in Githunguri Sub County where the county government distributed maize seeds and fertilizer and chicks to over 9,000 farmers.



H.E Dr Kimani Wamatangi with Members of the County Assembly of Kiambu during the assenting to the Kiambu County Finance Bill, 2023.



Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi and CECM for Environment David Kuria during the launch of the distribution of litter bins across all the sub-counties. These litter containers, including skips, single bins, and triple bins for waste segregation, signify our commitment to responsible waste management in Kiambu.



H.E Dr Kimani Wamatangi during a clean up exercise in Limuru Town on July 29, 2023.



Kiambu Governor Dr Kimani Wamatangi (in brown shirt) inspects milk coolers and ATMs which are some of the over Sh25 million milk processing-related equipment that his administration has donated to different dairy cooperative societies in the county as part of the strategy to drive value addition in the agricultural sub-sector.

'Kienyeji' chicks economic empowerment spurring rural growth

One aspect of the socio-economic empowerment program that has sparked great enthusiasm among the residents of Kiambu is the distribution of indigenous "Kienyeji" chicks to women across the County. This comprehensive empowerment program serves as an exemplary model for rural development, addressing the economic well-being of local farmers while ensuring that the county's youngest residents have access to nutritious meals.

Since Governor Kimani Wamatangi launched this program earlier this year, thousands of residents have received these chicks, poised to transform them into entrepreneurs, enabling them to generate income from the venture.

According to Governor Wamatangi, the County also plans to expand the empowerment initiative to include the distribution of piglets to men, ensuring sustainable growth for the farming community.

This multifaceted program aims to tackle both the economic challenges faced by local farmers and ensure vital nutrition for the more than 36,000 Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) learners enrolled in the county's 534 public ECDE centres. Operating in all 60 wards since June last year, its success hinges on a two-pronged approach. Local farmers receive one-month-old enhanced Kienyeji chicks to rear, offering them an opportunity to participate in egg production and contribute to the



Women in Uthiru Ward, Kabete in Kiambu County in Kiambu, walk home on August 23, 2023, after collecting one-month-old improved Kienyeji Chicks that are being distributed across the county by Governor Kimani Wamatangi as a social, economic empowerment program.

County's school feeding program. Farmers are encouraged to form co-operative societies, enabling them to collectively supply eggs in bulk to the county government.

As part of the program, women in the county are specifically trained to become leading suppliers of eggs, with the goal of both economic empowerment and ensuring a consistent source of nutritious food for young children. This program not only benefits local farmers but also addresses the challenge of local egg supply for the County Government.

Monica Wanjiku, a beneficiary in Mwimuto in Kabete, expresses her excitement, saying, "I am really

thrilled that my dream of becoming a poultry farmer has materialised thanks to Governor Wamatangi. I expect that by December, my chickens will have started laying eggs to enable me to have a brood."

The county has approximately 36,000 ECDE children attending 534 public ECDE centres. Each child is provided with three eggs per week as part of their nutritious diet, amounting to 108,000 eggs per week. Over a term of 13 weeks, the county requires a staggering 1,404,000 eggs, costing Sh18 per egg, including delivery expenses. This equates to an income of Sh18, 272,000 per term that will benefit

local farmers.

Governor Wamatangi explains the reasoning behind the Kienyeji chicks' distribution program, stating, "We are preparing these farmers to be our suppliers of eggs. Once the chicks have matured, laid eggs, and hatched, we expect the farmers to have not less than 40 chickens. These can lay up to 30 eggs per day and 140 per week. With the Sh18 that we are buying an egg, it means that per week, they will be earning Sh3, 780. This is what we call economic empowerment."

According to County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Agriculture Mr. Wilfred Mwenda, one

of the notable advantages of using improved Kienyeji chicks for this program is their cost-effective nature in terms of feeding, making it accessible and sustainable for local farmers. To ensure accountability and proper documentation, all beneficiaries of the chicken program are being registered upon receiving the chicks. This data will be subsequently used for registration within the cooperative framework.

"We are looking forward to having very vibrant and solid local cooperatives that will empower our people. It is just a matter of time before the fruits of this great initiative are seen," says Mwenda.

In addition to the poultry initiative, The County Government has partnered with the National Government to establish an aggregation centre that will assist local farmers. The centre at Waruhii in Githunguri, with a total investment of Sh500 million (Sh250 million from each government), is currently in the tendering stage. The centre will be pivotal for value addition to various farm produce, including avocados.

The Department of Agriculture has also put special emphasis on the lucrative Hass Avocado, which has the potential to transform the lives of Kiambu people. As part of empowering farmers across Kiambu, the county government will be distributing 10 avocado trees to each farmer, further promoting agricultural growth and economic empowerment.

Provision of farm's inputs bring new prosperity to farmers in Kiambu

The county government of Kiambu has distributed farm maize seeds and fertilizer to over 300,000 people in 12 sub-counties to address food insecurity and empower local farmers through agriculture.

In the last few weeks, Governor Kimani Wamatangi and officials from the Department of Agriculture have been providing the farmers at the Ward level with input, with the county chief saying they intend to exploit the ongoing rains.

The county has been issuing farm inputs to 3,000 and 5,000 farmers per ward, targeting the agricultural zones. The farmers have also been given avocado seeds.

Within the livestock sector, the Wamatangi administration has been at the forefront of transforming it, focusing on empowering farmers and bolstering food security in the County. The Department of Agriculture, under the visionary leadership of the Governor, has implemented several initiatives to enhance the livelihoods of those engaged in agriculture.

One of the key initiatives is the provision of complimentary Artificial Insemination services for livestock farmers. This essential service supports farmers in improving the genetic quality of their animals, ultimately leading to increased productivity.

Moreover, through strategic part-



nerships with Dairy Cooperatives, the County has managed to provide sexed semen at a highly subsidised cost of Kshs. 2,000, effectively halving the market price. This move not only reduces the financial burden on farmers but also promotes the breeding of high-quality dairy cattle.

In the fight against prevalent diseases affecting livestock, the administration has undertaken a continuous vaccination exercise. Livestock, including cattle, are being protected against diseases such as Lumpy Skin disease and Foot and Mouth, while

dogs are vaccinated against rabies. This proactive approach ensures the health and well-being of both animals and the community.

The administration's commitment extends to aquaculture farming, where efforts have been focused on fostering growth in fish farming. Farmers are not only assisted in constructing fish ponds but are also provided with essential resources such as fingerlings, pond liners and nets. According to the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture Mr. Mwenda, this holistic support



Farmers from Jamaica area in Githunguri Sub-County walk home after receiving certified maize seeds and fertilizer from the County Government of Kiambu. INSET: Ms Alice Waitthera Mwangi from Kangoya in Ndumberi Ward, Kiambu Township Sub-County in her maize farm. She received certified maize seeds and fertilizer from the county government of Kiambu.



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aims to fortify the aquaculture industry in the County.

The Wamatangi's administration has strategically collaborated with international organisations and development agencies to further boost the agriculture sector. The World Bank-funded National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP) has played a crucial role in supporting the Kamwamba Irrigation Project in Gatundu North, which has benefited around 1,000 households.

Additionally, partnerships with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) have been forged. These collaborations aim to bring in expertise, resources and innovative approaches to elevate the agricultural landscape in the County.

In a move towards advanced processing techniques, the administration has distributed digital weighing scales, milk ATMs, pasteurisers, coolers and milk testing tools to Dairy Cooperative Societies. This infusion of modern technology not only streamlines dairy processing but also ensures the production of high-quality dairy products.

The transformative initiatives undertaken by the Wamatangi Government underscore his commitment to see that farmers reap from their ventures.

Beneficiaries of improved Kienyeji chicks speak of the life changing initiative



Alice Muthoni a one month old kienyeji chicks beneficiary in Gitaru Ward, Kabete Sub-County feeding her chicken



A transformative initiative spearheaded by Governor Kimani Wamatangi is reshaping the narrative for rural women, as they gradually transition into the role of poultry farmers. Recipients of this social empowerment program have shared their stories, reflecting hope for numerous women across all 60 wards in Kiambu.

Alice Muthoni Gatuguta, 62, a woman with dreams as vast as ranches, saw her prayers answered when she responded to Governor Wamatangi's public announcement that his administration would provide free improved Kienyeji chicks to women in the county.

The promise to receive at least 10 improved Kienyeji chickens was the spark she needed to ignite her passion for poultry farming. She recounts: "Wamatangi is an angel who was sent to bring my lifelong prayers of becoming a successful chicken farmer into reality. Economically, I could not start it, but he came and gave me the seeds that I intend to sow."

For Muthoni, a resident of Gitaru, this initiative is more than just a gift; it is an opportunity to shape her destiny. "I want to express my gratitude to him for positively impacting my life," she says appreciatively.

Currently, Muthoni is diligently nurturing the chicks that hold the key to her economic freedom. With determination in her eyes, she confidently declares, "Soon, I will be making money out of this business."

Lucy Muthoni Kimani, a 72, is also a beneficiary of this transformative initiative. Muthoni received five chicks from the governor himself at Kanyariri Polytechnic. For her, these chicks are not merely poultry; they are seeds that symbolise her journey to becoming a renowned chicken farmer in Kiambu. "I am so grateful to our governor for this initiative," she says, her voice echoing with sincerity. "It is impacting those of us who are always forgotten after any general election. Wamatangi is a different leader compared to others."

As Lucy and countless other women across Kiambu embark on this journey of empowerment, Governor Wamatangi's vision is becoming a reality. The clucking of Kienyeji chickens has become a symphony of change, resonating through the hills and valleys of Kiambu County, promising a brighter and more prosperous future for its resilient women.



Hannah Wairimu, a one month old kienyeji chicks beneficiary in Kanyariri Ward, Kabete Sub-County feeding her chicken.



An excited Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi receives eggs from Philomena Wanjiku, one of the beneficiaries of his kienyeji chicks distribution program at Escarpment in Kinale Ward, Lari Sub County.

'Kiambu Afya' transformation: Inspiring tales from 'Wanjiku'

A quiet revolution has been taking place in the health sector in Kiambu, literally touching lives. The catalyst for this change was the game-changing Universal Healthcare Program 'Kiambu Afya' spearheaded by Governor Kimani Wamatangi.

This program aimed to provide comprehensive health coverage for all residents, ensuring that no one had to sacrifice their livelihood or sell their assets to afford medical care.

One of the programme's success stories is Jane Rose Mukere from Riabai ward. Little did she know that when she registered for UHC, locally referred as 'Wamatangi Care' in her area, she was laying the foundation for her own battle against cancer. Diagnosed in September, Jane underwent surgery at Kenyatta National Hospital, fully supported by the 'Kiambu Afya' initiative. Astonishingly, her UHC account covered Kshs 150,000 for the surgery and the 'Wamatangi Care' continued to support her through radiotherapy and chemotherapy at Kenyatta University Referral Hospital and Kiambu level 5 hospital. Jane, once burdened by the fear of selling her livestock to cover medical expenses, now embraced a renewed hope for the future.

Susan Murugi from Ting'anga ward had a

different tale to tell, one of new life and unexpected challenges. After registering for 'Wamatangi Care' in December 2022, Susan became pregnant in 2023. The joy of childbirth, however, turned into worry as her newborn faced com-

plications requiring serious medical attention. The looming financial burden threatened to overshadow the happiness of the moment. Yet, the activation of the 'Wamatangi Care' UHC card brought a ray of hope.

The 'Wamatangi Care' UHC card came to Murugi's rescue, covering the entire bill, which amounted to over Kshs 87,000. As a casual labourer with limited financial resources, Murugi found herself walking freely out of Kiambu Level 5 hospital, her child healthy and her heart filled with gratitude. The UHC program had not only provided medical care but had also alleviated the financial strain that could have crippled her family.


These testimonials echoed across the county are a clear sign that the revolutionary 'Kiambu Afya' scheme has been a game-changer in provision of healthcare in Kiambu. As the success stories continue, the revolution brought about by 'Wamatangi Care' was not just about health; it was about restoring dignity, preserving livelihoods and cultivating a future where every resident can pursue their dreams without the looming shadow of unaffordable medical bills.



Susan Murugi



Janerose Mukere



President William Ruto and other leaders of Kiambu led by Governor Kimani Wamatangi (second left) leave the famous tent, known as the Naivasha tent, at the Kiambu County headquarters, where the county management hosts workshops and seminars as part of austerity measures.

‘Naivasha’ tent reformation that has slashed millions in County expenditure

A visitor to the Kiambu County Government headquarters will always notice a prominent dome tent in the well-manicured compound.

This tent became a permanent fixture after Governor Kimani Wamatangi assumed office, serving as the venue for County Government officials' meetings. The Governor proposed the tent as a cost-cutting measure to reduce escalating recurrent expenditures, avoiding unnecessary expenses associated with holding county functions in hotels and other luxurious venues.

The results of this initiative are evident for everyone to see! A report by the Controller of

Budget, Dr. Margaret Nyakango, on the status of budget implementation by counties, has returned a favourable verdict on Governor Wamatangi.

Upon assuming control of Kiambu County as the fourth county chief, Governor Wamatangi, known for his firm stance on prudent resource management, faced criticism from some county authorities and elected leaders.

This criticism arose when he prohibited local and foreign seminars and benchmarking visits. The Governor argued that such trips, common in regional governments, are a misuse of public resources. In his view, these resources should be directed towards development and service improvement, and the time of-

ficers spend on these trips could be better utilised in managing county affairs.

Wamatangi issued an order to all county officers, including himself, mandating the organisation of workshops and seminars that had previously been hastily arranged as sponsored events in expensive hotels, now to be held in a tent as part of austerity measures.

The county staff subsequently nicknamed the tent "Vasha" a shortened form of Naivasha. Whenever they schedule a meeting, even one lasting three days, they humorously refer to it as taking place at the Naivasha tent. This tent, equipped with a concrete floor and a red carpet, has the capacity to host over 100

people.

The Governor also conducts meetings with the management team and other guests at the tent, having even hosted President William Ruto during one of his visits to Kiambu Town in August of last year.

"Officers used to spend up to Kshs10 million on per diem and other expenses when they flew to Mombasa and Naivasha for a week to prepare a Sh10 million project. Officers and their aides would travel to Naivasha thrice a month, twice in Kisumu and Mombasa, for workshops, some of which were unnecessary. Officers would not even travel, yet they would still sign for the per diem," the Governor explained.

He added: "Sometimes, they

even organised one or two trips abroad for benchmarking. Ultimately, the county would spend about a billion shillings on travel alone. That is why Kiambu was unable to carry out serious development. But that has stopped and that is why we have received such a rating from CoB."

Departments must make reservations in advance to book the tent and the county's in-house catering unit supplies meals for attendees.

"The tent brought us both good and bad exposure. But in the end, it has been helpful because it allows us to plan our activities quickly and inexpensively. We are happy with our Naivasha," the governor told The Kiambu Report.

Six new municipalities pave way for improved infrastructure, jobs

Governor Kimani Wamatangi's administration has successfully operationalised six new municipalities. Shortly after assuming office, the governor granted municipal status to Githunguri, Lari, Gatundu, Juja, Kabete, and Githurai.

As a result of this achievement, the newly designated municipalities are expected to receive between Sh. 400 million and 500 million annually for various infrastructural improvements, including road tarmacking, water connectivity, sewerage, street lighting and the construction of modern markets.

In addition to fostering development, these administrative units are poised to generate more employment opportunities for the residents of Kiambu. The County Public Service Board (CPSB) has already recruited all 12 municipal managers in preparation for overseeing these projects.

The department is currently in the final stages of reviewing and upgrading the Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plans (ISUDPS) for the 12 areas, including Thika, Kiambu, Juja, Ruiru, Githunguri, Kiambaa, Wangige, Kikuyu, Limuru, Kimende, Kamwangi, Gatundu and the Nairobi-Thika corridor. These plans are awaiting approval by the Kiambu County Assembly and will serve as the legal framework for guiding urban devel-

opment in their respective regions. The focus also extends to upgrading slums and informal settlements to enhance the quality of life for residents.

In collaboration with the Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project (KISIP 1 & 2), the department is working with the National Government of Kenya State Department of Housing and the World Bank to secure tenure security in five informal settlements: Kiandutu, Matharau, Kanjeru, Shauri Yako Kiroe and Kiamburi.

The County KISP Coordinator Mr. Julis Mwololo says the program has progressed well in the county and residents of the settlements have started reaping its fruits.

For settlements that qualify for infrastructure development, such as Umoja, Kiang'ombe, Bosnia, Fort Jesus and Misri, the department has advertised small works, primarily focusing on street lighting and high mast lighting. For settlements benefiting from tenure security, the department has successfully demarcated, enumerated structure owners and surveyed all settlements in partnership with KISIP consultants.

On the affordable housing front, the department has acquired various parcels of land across Kiambu County for the project, including Kiambu opposite Kiambu Prisons, Tigoni adjacent to Tigoni hospital, Thika Ziwani



CECM in charge of planning, Lands, and Housing and Municipal Development Salome Wainaina explains to Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Council of Governors chairperson Ann Waiguru, and other leaders about the proposal by the county to elevate Thika Town to an Industrial Smart City during Devolution Conference in Eldoret. Wamatangi successfully created six new municipalities.

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estate, Starehe estate and Depot estate behind Thika Sub-County offices.

The department has initiated the relocation of residents from the Kiambu opposite Kiambu Prisons site in preparation for the contractor

and a Housing Bill has been drafted and forwarded to the County assembly.

As part of its mandate, the department has been conducting countywide land clinics in all 12 sub-counties.

"The clinics aim to ensure compliance with county government regulations regarding lands and development. Through education and engagement with qualified professionals, the department seeks to curb unregulated development and reduce instances of faulty construction," says the County Executive Committee Member in charge of the docket Ms Salome Wainaina.

She notes that the exercise also serves to caution landowners to conduct proper searches with the Department of Lands to avoid inheriting past land arrears when purchasing land.

"This proactive approach aims to reduce instances where new owners are unexpectedly burdened with past accrued land rates not budgeted in their land purchase, observes Ms Wainaina.

Additionally, a successful verification and validation exercise for the Kamenu Housing Estate allottees who purchased houses from the defunct Thika municipal council between 2004 and 2009 has been conducted.

The surveying of the estate is in its final stages before submitting the findings to the Survey of Kenya for further action, following the planning and approval of the Part Development Plan (PDP).

County embarks on a mission to quench residents' thirst

For the past one year, the County government has laid a solid foundation for improving water accessibility for the residents of Kiambu.

The 'Maji Nyumbani' project, undertaken by the Department of Water, involves substantial investments in infrastructure to distribute this vital resource across all 60 wards.

At the core of the 'Maji Nyumbani' Project lies the acquisition and distribution of an extensive network of pipelines and tanks. The objective is to ensure that water is readily available to as many people as possible.

According to Mr. David Kuria, the County Executive Committee Member overseeing the Water Department, the initial phase of the program is already operational. The Department has successfully procured and delivered nearly 100 kilometres of pipes, along with strategically positioned water tanks.

Kuria stated, "Our goal is to establish more than 5,000 water connections, ensuring that this precious resource reaches over 10,000 households across the county," in an interview with The Kiambu Report.

In an effort to enhance water supply, Governor Kimani Wamatangi has collaborated with the national government to secure Ksh 5.7 billion for expanding the ca-



H.E. Dr. Kimani Wamatangi and Ngewa MCA Hon. Charles Kang'ethe commissioned Mitahato Water Project in Ngewa Ward, Githunguri Sub-County.

capacity of the Karemnu Dam. This expansion aims to address longstanding water shortages not only in Kiambu but also in Ruiru, Juja and Thika, thereby improving water distribution across these areas.

Focusing on environmental concerns, the County Government has instituted a monthly community cleanup to maintain a clean and healthy environment. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has supported the County Government in solid waste management, particularly at the Kang'oki dumpsite. Additionally, the County Government strategically drills boreholes throughout Kiambu and works

on reviving and optimising the output of existing boreholes, reinforcing the water supply network.

Furthermore, Governor Wamatangi's administration, through the Directorate of Natural Resources and Forestry, plans to distribute over 500 tools and 47 machines to all sub-counties. These tools will be utilized in ongoing landscaping and beautification projects, including recreational parks, avenues, county offices, roundabouts, and the management of county tree nurseries. The equipment will also support tree-growing activities in public and riparian areas.

Drilling and equipping of new boreholes

- Karuri Primary School
- Kahuho Town Center
- Gathanje Village
- Ondiri DCC
- Bathi Water Treatment Plant Borehole
- Lari DCC Borehole

Supply and delivery of 69km of assorted pipes and fittings;

- 5km of assorted pipes and fittings in Kagongo in Ndenkeru ward
- 9.9 km assorted pipes and fittings in Ngegu and Turitu
- 7.0 km assorted pipelines and fittings for Gatina Borehole
- 6.0 km assorted pipelines and fittings for Ngochi borehole
- 5.5 km assorted pipelines and fittings for Mitahato borehole
- 8.5km assorted pipelines and fittings for Gathangari Borehole
- 9.5km assorted pipelines and fittings for Jamaica/Mukua Borehole
- 3.5km of assorted pipelines and fittings for Ondiri Ziwani and Rumwe areas
- 4.2km of assorted pipelines and fittings for Gitaru-Kingeero-Wangige
- 2km for Ikinu Primary School Borehole
- Water Project complete
- 8km assorted pipelines and fittings to Karura and Gachie areas

Rehabilitation of Uthiru PSF complete in Kikuyu Sub-County

Kiambu rescue team receiving accolades beyond the county borders

The County Fire and Rescue team has earned fame far beyond the borders of Kiambu County for its efficiency and impeccable work. Their prowess is not confined to local boundaries as this adept team has orchestrated high-level rescue missions in numerous counties, showcasing their skills and earning admiration on a broader scale.

The well-trained personnel in this team are renowned for their expertise and vigilance in carrying out their duties. Neighbouring counties consistently seek their services whenever they find themselves in distress.

In the past year, for example, the Kiambu County Fire and Rescue team has successfully conducted 21 searches and recovery missions for bodies in the counties of Nairobi, Murang'a, Kajiado, Kirinyaga, Embu and Nyeri.

In Murang'a, the team retrieved five bodies from the Maragwa, Mathioya and Kandara rivers while in the neighbouring Kirinyaga County, five bodies were recovered from the Nyaminde and Kiringa rivers, with an additional four retrieved from the Sagana River and one more from Chinga Dam in Nyeri County.

In Embu, two male students were retrieved from the Ruringazi and Thusi rivers and one more was recovered from the Nairobi Kasarani Dam. Additionally, the Kiambu County rescue divers retrieved four bodies from the Kemuka and Kiserian dams in Kajiado.

The team has been responding to distress calls prompting requests for assistance from the affected counties, which cite personnel incapacity. Kiambu County boasts nine professional divers specialising in deep pit and water recoveries. This month, these divers successfully conducted a deep pit body recovery mission in Nairobi County.

The County Government has bolstered its personnel capacity for handling emergencies and responses by adding 28 officers. This increase comes after the successful training of these officers at the County Fire Training School based in Kiambu, bringing the total number of firefighters throughout the County to 124.

Governor Kimani Wamatangi has enhanced the County's ability to manage fires and disasters by operationalising three additional fire stations in Limuru, Kikuyu and Githunguri. This has resulted in a significant reduction in the minimum response time to 10 minutes and an average maximum response time from 1 hour to 30 minutes.

County's Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, Mr. Samuel Kahura, highlights that the resumption of construction at the Limuru fire station is nearing completion. This development will further reduce the time taken to respond to emergency calls.

The County Fire Training School, a joint venture between the County and the Polish Centre for International Aid, has successfully trained 700 firefighters from different counties. The Fire and Rescue team persistently engages in raising awareness about Community Fire Safety in educational institutions and public barazas.



Firefighters from Kiambu County Government fight a fire that razed down a trader's shop in Limuru Sub-County.



Design for Wangige Market.

Modern markets to boost trade in County

The department of Trade has prioritised county traders by constructing modern market stalls all around Kiambu. In Wangige town, Kabete sub county, the county plans on building a three storey modern market using the plate level construction design which will have a basement parking space and five entrances for easy accessibility of the three floors. This project will be in a joint collaboration with the national government which will contribute Kshs 400 million while the county government will give Kshs150 million. The market is set to be completed in 13 months.

Additionally, the department has undertaken projects such as building boda boda sheds, promoting fair-trade practices by verifying weighing instruments and supporting industrial and entrepreneurial growth through trade exhibitions, expos and forums.

"We have also worked on constructing carwash sheds, establishing cottage industries and promoting circular economies," says the Executive Committee Member in charge of the Department Mr. Mburu Kang'ethe

In the area of tourism, the department has actively contributed to the development of tourism attraction sites. This involves hosting tourism exhibitions, conducting sensitisation

programs and facilitating linkage forums

In efforts to enhance the trading environment within markets, broaden market access and improve facilities, the department has initiated the construction of four markets: Kigumo market in Komothai Ward, Rironi market phase II in Limuru East Ward, Gitaru market in Gitaru Ward and Kiganjo market in Kiganjo Ward.

These projects are ongoing and progressing at various stages of completion. Also, in collaboration with the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP) the county is constructing two more markets: Kimende market in Kijabe Ward and Lusigetti market in Nachu Ward.

Renovation work is underway at Wangige market and Limuru/Rongai market with the department also rehabilitating the floor and roads at Jamhuri market in Thika. To boost revenue, the County Government fenced the Dagoretti Market Goat Holding Yard and created office space for the collection of landing fees.

Conducting joint site visits with the State Department for Housing & Urban Development, the Department has initiated the construction of modern and prototype markets in the county. Pre-site tender visits were conducted at Kiaora, Gikambura, Thogoto, and Gatunyaga markets

to familiarise bidders with the nature and scope of the works. Market committee elections were held in Kangangi, Limuru, Soko Mjinga, Gakoe, Ngewa, Gitaru, Madaraka, Lussigetti, Ndenderu, Ting'ang'a, Moi, and Wangige markets to maintain order.

The commissioning of Githurai market was successfully completed, with a balloting process and the resettlement of traders in their respective spaces. Boda boda operators expressed their gratitude for the construction of new sheds, providing them with protection from rain and the scorching sun. They hope for more sheds to be constructed to accommodate additional operators.

The Directorate has initiated the construction of two carwash stations in Kamangu, Kikuyu Sub-County and Kanyariri, Kabete Sub-County, which are currently at various stages of completion. Construction of 20 modern stalls has been completed in Ruiru Sub-County, and an ongoing project in Kabete Sub-County involves putting up 36 modern stalls.

"We have also conducted sensitisation forums, capacity-building programs and training sessions. The process of establishing the Kiambu County Aggregation and Industrial Park at Waruhiu Farm has been initiated," says Kang'ethe.

COUNTY SETTLES GITHURAI TRADERS



Traders being allocated space at Githurai Market.



Shooting FC, Gachie All-Stars triumph as Kiambu County Governor's Champions Cup enters quarters

In a thrilling display of talent and determination, Shooting FC and Gachie All-Stars emerged victorious in the Zone C regional battles of the Kiambu County Governor's Champions Cup football tournament. These two teams have secured their spots in the quarter-finals of the tournament, which promises to showcase the best football in the region.

The games took place on Sunday, January 28th at Kanjeru Stadium in Kabete Sub-County, where a crowd witnessed the exceptional skills and passion of the players from Kikuyu, Kabete, and Kiambaa. Each team fought fiercely for the chance to shine on the grand stage, but it was Shooting FC and Gachie All-Stars who stood out from the competition.

With their undeniable talent and determination, Shooting FC and Gachie All-Stars have proven their mettle and claimed their spots in the quarter-finals alongside COPIA FC, Butterfly FC, Githunguri Snr FC, and B. Fast FC. These six teams have booked their tickets to the next stage of the tournament, where they will continue to battle for the ultimate glory.

Looking ahead, the Zone D qualifiers are set to take place on Saturday, February 3rd at Gatundu Stadium and Muthiga Primary in

Gatundu Sub-County. This zone includes teams from Gatundu North, Gatundu South, and Thika Sub-Counties, and promises to bring more excitement and fierce competition to the tournament.

Football enthusiasts and supporters will undoubtedly be looking forward to witnessing the upcoming matches, as each team gives their all to secure a coveted place in the quarter-finals of the Kiambu County Governor's Champions Cup.

SELECTED PERFORMANCES

ZONE C RESULTS

Final 1
Gachie All-Stars FC 3-1 Uthiru Dreamers FC

Final 2
Ganaki FC 0-2 Shooting FC

Group Stage

PUEA FC 0-3 Uthiru Dreamers
EURO NUTS 0-3 Gachie All-Stars
Ganaki FC 1-1 Shooting FC

The other teams that have qualified to the last 8 (quarter-finals) are:

ZONE B

Githunguri Snr 2-0 Kambaa FC
Golden Arrows 0-4 B. Fast

ZONE A

Butterfly FC 3 - 0 Tumaini FC
COPIA FC 10 - 0 Black Wolves FC



Design for Kanjeru Stadium in Kabete

Improvement of sports infrastructure kicks off

The Department of Youth Affairs and Sports in Kiambu County is actively promoting youth empowerment and sports excellence.

The department has upgraded various sports facilities, including Ruiru Stadium, Kawaida Sports Ground, Kanjeru Stadium and Theta Ground. The Thika Stadium upgrade project was commissioned by Governor Kimani Wamatangi on January 11, 2024.

As part of keeping the youth in Kiambu engaged, the department has organised the Governor's Champions Cup football tournament, which has attracted over 700 teams. This is aimed at promoting healthy competition and community unity.

"Competing in the Governor's Champions Cup has not only brought competition for the grand prize, but also brought our community together like never before," said Collins Chege, a player of Homeboyz FC from Thika Sub County.

Moreover, the department's dedication to youth engagement and social transformation through sports was evident in the successful organisation and implementation of the Thika Fun Day event. Over 700 children below the age of 17 participated in various activities aimed at promoting inclusivity, teamwork

and social cohesion.

The department's commitment to talent identification and development is evident in initiatives like the Talanta Hela football tournament, which resulted in players representing Kiambu County at national levels.

To enhance coaching, the department partnered with Football Kenya Federation, offering a 10-day coaching program. Sixty coaches graduated as certified CAF D coaches, positively impacting player development.

"This training has given me the confidence to guide young footballers on the right path," expressed Coach John Mwaura, a graduate of

the CAF D coaching program.

The department also sponsored the Kiambu KICOSCA team, a way of fostering inter-county networking and employee representation.

"The KICOSCA games were more than just sports; it was about building bridges between counties," shared Esther Wanjiku, a member of the Kiambu KICOSCA team.

In collaboration with FKf, the department trained and certified 180 referees to uphold fair play and sports integrity.

Additionally, they supported the Young Dragons Karate Academy, achieving success in international competitions. Under the leadership of Governor Wamatangi, the department provided financial assistance for the team's participation in the International Karate Championship in Berlin, Germany.

Ali Osman, CECM Kiambu County, says the department is determined to make sports a pathway to personal growth, community cohesion and national pride.

"We are committed to creating a Kiambu where sports are not just a pastime but a pathway to success. I am proud of what we have achieved together and I am confident that the future of Kiambu's youth is bright and full of sporting promise," declared Osman.



A Githunguri Snr player shields the ball from a determined White Rose player during the finals of the Githunguri Sub-County level match on Saturday, December 16th, 2023, at Ngewa Stadium, Githunguri Snr emerged victorious with a convincing 5-1 scoreline against White Rose FC.



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Kiambu para-athletes get County support

Kiambu County demonstrated its support for para-athletes by sponsoring a team to participate in the para-athletics National Trials. The County Government, under the leadership of Governor Dr. Kimani Wamatangi, provided the necessary resources and funding for the athletes to compete in the games. This team, comprising 10 talented athletes, competed in various Paralympics events held on January 18th to 20th at the Kipchoge Keino Stadium in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County.

The Para-athletes were praised and celebrated as they were flagged off by the CECM for Youth Affairs, Sports, and Communication, Ali Osman.

The County Government's support provided these Para-athletes with a platform to shine and prove their abilities as they competed against the best athletes in the country



Kiambu County Para-athletes being flagged off to the Para-athletics National Trials by the CECM for Youth Affairs, Sports and Communication, Ali Osman.

COUNTY SPORTS

Kiambu soccer teams set sights on the Premier League

Kiambu County is about to become a hotbed of footballing action, with the creation of the Kiambu Superstars football team marking a significant leap forward for local sports.

The team, which will be carefully selected based on players' skills, football talent and discipline, will compete in the regional league, with aspirations to ultimately secure a spot in the prestigious Kenyan Premier League.

The foundation for this initiative lies in the recently launched Kiambu County Governor's Champions Cup football tournament, an annual event designed not only to identify and nurture budding football talent within the county but also to address the critical issue of job creation through sports. The tournament drew an overwhelming response, with a staggering 716 teams from various wards across the county participating.



The ongoing tournament has captivated football enthusiasts, as teams from every corner of Kiambu County have displayed determination and skill in their quest for victory. As the tournament progresses, excitement builds with the approaching quarterfinals, promising intense competition among the remaining teams.

Highlighting the commitment to ensuring fair play and professionalism, the Department of Youth and Sports engaged 180 referees, all of whom underwent a rigorous five-day training program. This move not only enhances the quality of officiating but also provides a golden opportunity for aspiring referees to gain valuable experience, aligning with the overarching goal of job creation through sports.

The tournament's unique structure has been designed to bring together teams at various levels, starting from the ward-level competitions to sub-county, regional, quarterfinals, semi-finals, and ultimately the finals. The anticipation is palpable as the tournament currently stands at the regional level, with only one region left before the games progress to the highly awaited quarterfinals.

Expressing enthusiasm about the initiative, County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Youth Affairs, Sports and Communication, Ali Osman, stated: "The creation of the Kiambu Superstars is a testimony of our resolve to support talent and create opportunities for our youth. Through sports, we aim not only to entertain but also to empower and uplift our people."

Further underlining the significance of the tournament, John Mwenda, who participated in the referee training program, shared his excitement, saying: "Being trained as a referee has opened doors for me. The tournament is a great platform for referees like me to showcase our skills and contribute to the development of football in Kiambu County."

As the tournament progresses, all eyes are on the Kiambu Superstars and the promise they hold for the future of football in the county. The winners of the 2023/2024 edition are set to be crowned by early March, marking a historic moment in Kiambu's sporting landscape.

H.E Dr Kimani Wamatangi during the launch of Governor's Champions Cup football tournament at the County Headquarters on October 23, 2023.

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