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The wholesome changes in the sector have laid the groundwork for major transformation

Education revolution



By ANN WANJIKU

Governor Kimani Wamatangi's administration has embarked on a transformative program in the education sector in the county to enhance access to quality education and improve education standards.

From construction of new model ECDE centres, a feeding program where nursery

school pupils enjoy nutritious uji, boiled eggs and fresh milk, increased bursary to revamping Vocational Training Centres (VTC), Kiambu is witnessing a revolution in the education sector as Wamatangi works to fulfil his "Leave No Child Behind" campaign pledge.

Since the advent of devolution in 2013, most of the county-owned 524 ECDE centres

have languished in disrepair, characterised by dilapidated structures with earth floors, deteriorating roofs and crumbling walls. Governor Wamatangi, however, is rewriting this narrative by spearheading the modernisation of these centres, constructing new facilities equipped with amenities akin to those found in private kindergartens.

The County, through the Department

of Education, Gender, Culture and Social Services, is currently working on 180 ECDE centres with about 100 centres in various stages of implementation.

Governor Wamatangi setting a deadline of 2026 for the completion of the modernisation of all 524 ECDE centres.

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Key Achievements



ECDEs centres
First phase-180
Complete- 94
Ongoing and in procurement- 88
524 by 2026



Feeding program
38000 children
Nutritious uji daily
3 eggs weekly
A packet of milk per week



Bursary
2013-2022-
Ksh. 900 million
2023-Ksh. 300 million
to 72,000 students
2024- Ksh. 500 million



Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi during the launch of 'Maizwa Fresh na Wamatangi' for all Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) pupils

Education Revolution

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behaviour towards something. Imagine if the children's first exposure to schooling is in the dreadful condition of public nursery schools; how do we expect them to love learning?" Mr Wamatangi posed.

He added: "Currently, we are constructing 130 ECDE centres that will be identical and will be completed in December as the first phase of a comprehensive effort to guarantee that all 524 public nursery schools are modernised in the next three years."

Margaret Muthoni, the chief instructor at Mbariki ECDE centre in Nyanduma Ward, Lari County, which is one of the centres that have been transformed from

a wooden ramshackle.

"The school's walls were collapsing, and the floor was a mess. The general state of hygiene was very poor. Therefore, whenever we admitted kids for PPI, their parents would transfer them in the second term, blaming the schools' bad conditions," Muthoni said.

Muthoni said the number of pupils was consistently under 20 and that it had only recently begun to increase after the County introduced a feeding program for all 36 254 kids.

The County provides a stock of porridge flour and trays of eggs, and arrangements have been established for the centre's administration to make the meals.

Porridge is offered daily, and eggs are also offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and starting on March 15, 2024, the children began getting a packet of milk once a week.

The County Executive Committee Member in charge of the department, Ms Nancy Gichung'wa, says the program aims to increase enrolment and keep kids in schools, which most have been skipping due to a lack of food.

Further, to ensure that needy students do not miss lessons in high school, colleges and universities, the County increased the annual bursary kitty from Sh100 million, which was being disbursed from 2013 to 2022.

In 2023, Governor Wamatangi tripled the kitty to Sh300 million, allocated to 72,000 students in just one year.

This year, the County has increased the amount to Sh500 million, with the governor indicating that the minimum allocation per student will be Sh5,000 for Day School Students and Sh10,000 for Boarding School students.

To ensure that young people get opportunities to acquire technical skills, the County is currently constructing and renovating more than 10 Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) across the County.

According to Ms Emily Nkoro, the acting chief officer in charge of Vocational Training and Social Services, the devolved

unit is increasing the capacity of the 39 VTCs in the County by installing the necessary machines and equipment to ensure they can train the youth in various skills.

As part of a planned beautification and enhancement of towns in the County, the regional government is installing cabro-making machines in selected VTCs to supply the paving stones. The youth will make cabro stones and install them on streets and walkways.

Two cabro-making machines have already been installed, one at Muguga VTC in Muguga ward and the other at Ruiru Township VTC in Ruiru ward.



Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi using a sewing machine during the official opening of the newly completed Riabai Vocational Training Centre in Riabai Ward, Kiambu Town Sub-County



Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi during the launch of a feeding program for Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) pupils which will be served with a bowl of porridge and three eggs per week



Barracks Model ECDE centre in Kamenu Ward, Thika Sub-County

Governor Wamatangi has made it a norm, rather than an exception, to dedicate everything to God

A county where Prayers, dedicated service reign supreme

By FRANK NGIGE

At the heart of Kiambu County's transformation journey lies a cultural shift that has permeated through the staff, leaving an indelible mark - the culture of Prayer.

Governor Kimani Wamatangi is leading this change. He is someone who looks ahead and wants not only to govern but also to care for people's spiritual health.

As 2024 began and the excitement of Christmas and New Year festivities passed, the county's government workers got back to work. Instead of starting right away, they were invited to a prayer breakfast meeting. This showed the governor's strong belief in seeking guidance from a higher power in everything they did.

Rev. Samuel Kimaru of Uhai Centre in Kiambu led the prayer meeting. It was a special time where members of staff shared their hopes and plans for the coming year with God. Governor Wamatangi joined them, showing his support and unity with his people in faith and purpose.

During the prayer session at the County headquarters, Governor Wamatangi thanked the staff for their immense contribution to Kiambu's success "in the past year and anticipate an even more prosperous 2024 ahead."

"As we embark on this new journey, I encouraged the staff to embrace the wisdom of Rev. Kimaru, who emphasised the power of hope in navigating through any obstacle. His sermon, 'Starting the New Year with Hope' captures the attitude we should adopt for the months ahead," the Governor exhorted.

Speaking to the staff, the Governor stressed that hope should be complemented by action. "Merely hoping for a brighter future is not sufficient; we must actively strive to bring it into action. This aligns with our commitment to fulfill our mandate and pledges to the people of Kiam-

bu. Together, we can make this year even more successful and impactful than the last."

"As we continue to uphold the tradition of embracing prayer before undertaking any task at work, let us do so with hearts full of gratitude and reverence. May our prayers serve as beacons of light in the midst of darkness, guiding us toward greater purpose, fulfillment and joy in all that we do," the Governor said.

For the Governor, prayer is very important. It is not just a tradition; it is the foundation of how he runs things. Whether it is big decisions or everyday meetings, his engagements always start with a prayer.



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Governor Wamatangi's love for God is not just for official events. It is a big part of his everyday life. Every Sunday, you find him at a local church. This shows how committed he is to staying close to the source of his strength and wisdom.

In one of the church sessions, during the National Prayer Day at Jesus Christ Compassion Ministry in Ruiru, Governor Wamatangi captivated the congregation with a powerful prayer for the county's prosperity. He also sought divine intervention for leaders to coexist harmoniously.

One of the biggest ways Governor Wamatangi shows his commitment to making the county faithful to God is by building strong friendships with religious leaders. They share the same goal: to make Kiambu better.

Senior Pastor David Maina, an employee of the County Government, commends the tradition initiated by Governor Wamatangi of beginning the year with prayers and commencing every task with prayer as a mark of forward-thinking.

From the moment we step into our workplaces, we are bombarded with deadlines, meetings and challenges that demand our attention. Yet, amidst the chaos, there exists an important tradition that we have embraced courtesy of our governor - the practice of prayer," says David.

He adds: "Prayer provides us with a sacred space to seek clarity, wisdom and discernment as we navigate the complexities of our work environments. Whether facing a difficult decision, grappling with a challenging project, or simply seeking strength to persevere through a busy day, prayer invites us to surrender our burdens and trust in God's providence."

With Governor Wamatangi leading the county, Kiambu County has started to prosper in all facets with the development wheel already gaining momentum.



Some of the completed ECDE centres

Matathia ECDE



Crossroad Model ECDE Center Kinale Ward, Lari Sub County

Kiababu model ECDE centre in Ikinu Ward, Githunguri Sub-County 2



Kiababu model ECDE centre in Ikinu Ward, Githunguri

Manguu Githurai model ECDE centre in Kiuu Ward, Ruiru Sub-County



Wangware model ECDE centre in Kamburu Ward, Lari

Tharuni model ECDE in Limuru Central Ward



Muthara model ECDE centre in Witeithe Ward, Juja Sub-County 2

Boost as hospitals in Kiambu get state-of-the-art medical equipment

By KELVIN KIMARU

The County Government has procured an assortment of specialised medical equipment worth approximately Sh500 million, which will be installed in various health facilities across the county.

The various equipment received by Governor Kimani Wamatangi at the County Headquarters were flagged off to their final destinations.

According to the county chief, the equipment are meant to enhance the delivery of services in all cadres of health facilities in the County.

They include digital X-ray machines, digital ultrasound machines, patient monitors, BGA machines, infusion pumps, nebulizers, oxygen concentrators, oxygen flow meters, suction machines, and dental X-ray machines.

Others are Sonic Aid foetal scopes, pulse oximeters, emergency stretchers, gauze cutters, portable examination lights, wheelchairs, delivery beds, hydraulic mortuary trolleys, portable drip stands, and HBC machines.

According to the Department of Health Services, the X-ray machines will be delivered to Thika, Gatundu, Kihara, Karuri, and Igeania hospitals to boost capacity, while the modern ultrasound machines are for Gatundu, Kihara, Ruiru, Nyathuna, and Karuri hospitals.

Governor Wamatangi said the consignment was part of a work-plan development of his administration to equip all the facilities after a need assessment informed the gaps in hospitals which are now being filled.

"We have always had an issue with our hospitals, whereby most of them



Commissioning of X-Ray and Ultrasound machines and revamped CT- Scan services at Gatundu Level 5 Hospital

did not have the equipment, or the existing ones were kept breaking down; this really hampered our service delivery, but with what we now have, we will improve on our services, and we still have more consignment coming. We are equipment to our level three hospitals. We have also planned how we are going to equip the new hospitals that we are building," Governor Wamatangi said.

According to the Governor, the additional equipment also includes C-T Scan machines and assorted equipment for laboratories and theatres that will be installed in level four and level five facilities.

Two weeks ago, the County commissioned state-of-the-art X-ray and ultrasound machines to revamp CT-scan services at Gatundu Level 5 Hospital, with the governor saying by delivering the equipment, he aims to ensure swift and accurate medical



Medical equipment procured by the County Government of Kiambu for various health facilities across the county

assessments within the facility and to reinforce our pledge to prioritize the well-being of our people.

The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Health, Dr. Elias Maina, said of the delivered equip-

ment Gatundu Hospital would also receive 12 patient monitors, eight infusion pumps, BGA machines, wheelchairs, nebulizers, and gauze cutters. At the same time, Igeania Hospital will be equipped with an X-ray ma-

chine, portable drip stands, oxygen flow meters, gauze cutters, and dental X-ray machines.

Casualty departments of Kiambu, Thika, Gatundu, Ruiru, Tigoni, and Kihara hospitals will receive wheelchairs for patients in emergencies.

Other hospitals that receive a medical equipment catalogue include Kiambu, Thika, Ruiru, Lari, Tigoni, Nyathuna, and Wangige, while Githunguri which is a new level four hospital under construction, is expected to receive equipment worth Sh300 million through a partnership between the national and county government.

The County has also completed a drug store in Ruiru to be used as a central medical facility where all of its supply orders for pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceuticals will be housed before being dispersed to the 114 hospitals throughout the County.

Dr. Esther Kamau, the County Head of the Health Technologies and Products Unit, said the facility would enable the County to refill pharmaceuticals to all facilities on time by eradicating delays caused by procurement bottlenecks.

The County is actively working towards integrating all level two and three facilities into the NHIF system to streamline healthcare services and ensure that registered residents can avail themselves of medical assistance free of charge.

This, Mr Wamatangi said, will ensure that patients who visit all the County's 114 health facilities get outpatient and outpatient services for free as long as they are registered with NHIF, which President William Ruto changed to Social Health Insurance Fund as part of his health reforms.

Automation of health services enable real-time monitoring of operations

By KELVIN KIMARU

The Department of health services has invested in a Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) that promises to revolutionise the county's medical infrastructure.

This digital ecosystem is set to interconnect all healthcare facilities, providing unprecedented efficiency and transparency in the management of medical commodities, budgetary planning and overall facility performance.

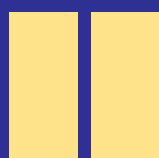
The Hospital Management Information System is poised to revolutionise the execution of services in the health sector. Among its various functions, the system will facilitate budget planning, monitor stock levels to ensure they remain above the requisite percentage – as mandated by Governor Wamatangi. The Governor has directed that pharmaceutical levels should not fall below 85

percent. It will also provide insights into the stock levels of each facility.

Previously, there were instances where commodities were purchased without assessing their usability, leading to expiration on shelves and resulting in losses for the County. However, with just a click, the system enables users to identify items in motion and in need of replenishment, thus preventing the accumulation of dead stock.

Moreover, the system, which will be integrated with the central medical store, will oversee commodity management at the facility level. For example, if a patient requires a specific drug not available at a particular facility, the pharmacy personnel can consult the system to locate the drug and place an order accordingly.

With built-in checks and balances, the system will mitigate issues of drug theft by accurately tracking dispensation records, providing transparency regarding who dispensed what, where and when.



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Speaking about the transformative impact of the HMIS, Dr. Elias Maina, County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health, emphasised: "Our investment in the Hospital Management Information System marks a great milestone in our commitment to delivering top-notch healthcare services.

This system will streamline the stock of medical commodities across all our facilities, ensuring optimal inventory levels and eliminating shortages. It is a strategic move towards better budgetary planning and resource allocation, enabling us to provide quality healthcare without compromise."

This system will also be linked with the Central Medical Store which will be hosted at Ruiru level 4 Hospital. The integration of the HMIS and the central medical store is set to catapult Kiambu into a new era of healthcare management boosting efficiency, accountability and improved patient outcomes.

Dr. Patrick Nyaga, Chief Officer of Health Services, further noted the interconnected nature of the system and its role in centralising medical resources in promoting efficiency.

He says: "With the upcoming completion of our central medical store, we are establishing a hub that will be the nerve centre of all medical commodities. This store, seamlessly linked to our HMIS, will empower us to monitor the county's healthcare status at the touch of a button. It is not just about managing supplies; it is about understanding how our facilities are performing, enabling us to make data-driven decisions for the well-being of our people."

According to Dr. Nyaga, the county's commitment to leveraging technology for the betterment of its healthcare services demonstrates a progressive approach to addressing the evolving needs of Kiambu people.



Inspection Of Gatundu Level v by the Service Delivery Unit Team

Service Delivery Unit: Monitoring projects for excellence

Renovation of sub county offices to enhance service delivery

By MARTIN GITHIOMI

The Department of Administration and Public Service set aside over Kshs 70 million at the outset of the current financial year (2023/2024) for the renovation of Kabete, Githunguri, Juja and Gatundu North Sub County Offices, as well as the completion of Lari Sub County Offices.

Under the leadership of H.E Governor Kimani Wamatangi, the department has been committed to completing these renovations and upgrades to enhance service delivery at the grassroots level.

Guided by County Executive Committee Member (CEC) Dr. Margaret Ruinge and Chief Officer Charles Gikonyo, the department has already initiated several projects, with some already completed.

Ruinge stated that the department has deliberately taken steps to ensure that all sub-county offices are in optimal condition, thereby bringing services closer to the people.

Ruinge emphasised: "There is the necessity of providing our staff with conducive work environment and the appropriate tools to facilitate optimal performance. This initiative will enable the public to access county government services conveniently."

This commitment reflects the spirit of devolution, ensuring that government services are accessible to the people of Kiambu County. For example, prior to devolution, the Lari Sub County offices were housed in makeshift metallic containers with cramped partitioned rooms. This condition made it difficult to provide services to the public. However, with the construction of a new concrete office block, government services will be delivered seamlessly. Progress in Lari is currently over 40 percent.

Another notable improvement is in Juja Sub County, where construction is underway to add another floor to the existing single-floor structure. This expansion includes partitioning, painting, trunking, wheelchair ramp installation, wiring and tiling, with about 90 percent of the work completed.

Significant uplift has also been seen in Kabete Sub County offices, where renovations are already complete. Ongoing works include painting, partitioning of offices and installation of CCTV cameras, gutter fitting, gate repair and painting, renovation of the billing section, painting of enforcement offices in Wangige and ceiling repair.

In Githunguri Sub County, renovations are 95 percent complete, focusing on gutter fitting, painting, landscaping, tiling and ceiling and wall repairs.

Finally, in Gatundu North Sub County, refurbishment efforts are 60 percent complete, with ongoing work on partitioning, cabro and tiling installation, ceiling repair, wall plastering and painting of enforcement offices.

By DAN NJENGA

The County Government, under the leadership of Governor Kimani Wamatangi, has established the Service Delivery Unit (SDU). This has made Kiambu one of the few counties to institutionalise this critical unit aimed at ensuring that residents receive the full value of allocations intended for development.

The primary mandate of this unit is to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery. It aims to improve coordination and expedite project implementation, ultimately leading to better results, monitoring, evaluation and timely reporting on the fulfilment of key development priorities, programs and projects.

The Service Delivery Unit, domiciled in the Executive Office of the Governor, is headed by Chief Officer Julie Waweru, who is backed by a team of experts. The current focus of the unit is to ensure the timely completion of projects without compromising on quality, as well as ensuring the realisation of the Governor's pledges to Kiambu residents.

Further, the current administration is committed to the timely delivery of quality services, reflecting its dedication to serving the people.

"We endeavour to ensure that the promises I made during the campaigns to the people of Kiambu are realised. As a result, I not only established the Service Delivery Unit, but my government institutionalised it to track, monitor and evaluate all our undertakings in every corner of our county," said Governor Wamatangi during the inaugural meeting for Contract Implementation Teams for all ongoing projects, organized by the Service Delivery Unit.

The Governor also emphasised the need for the teams to closely supervise the projects, ensuring that the set standards are maintained and guarding the interest of public funds.

"We have adopted a One-Government-Approach-Model to enhance efficiency and effective way of dealing with bottlenecks that may limit timely completion of projects. We want everyone to be on the same page going forward," said Ms Waweru.

For the last three months, the SDU has successfully visited over 60 projects being

carried out across the county. These projects include health facilities, ECDE centres, bridges, roads, among others. The unit has worked closely with implementing departments to address any shortfalls that require attention, ensuring the smooth continuation of ongoing works.

According to Ms Waweru, SDU has been intentional towards ensuring that projects are completed within contract timelines, good quality, proper branding before handed over for use.

"We ensure that there is value for money invested in these projects for the benefits of Kiambu people," said the Chief Officer.

With the introduction of a new debt payment discipline by Governor Wamatangi, contractors now receive payment within 14 days after the full delivery of their contracts. This initiative has significantly boosted suppliers' and contractors' confidence in doing business with Governor Wamatangi's administration compared to previous regimes characterised by substantial pending bills for projects as well as for supply of goods and services.

To adhere to this new mode of operation, departments are not permitted to float

Inspection of Nyathuna level 4 hospital by the Service Delivery Unit



Inspection of Mbariki Ecde by the Service Delivery Unit



Journey towards Thika Industrial Smart City starts as team picked

By ENOCK MAROA

Kiambu County Government under the leadership of Governor Dr. Kimani Wamatangi is in the process of upgrading Thika Town to Thika Industrial Smart City.

The County wants to upgrade Thika town to city status in line with the requirements under the Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011 on the criteria for classifying a town as a city.

Thika is considered one of the fastest-growing towns in Kenya due to the numerous industries, learning institutions and well-laid transport and communication systems. This has led to improved economic growth in the area, which in turn has led to increased growth in population.

In terms of population, Thika has surpassed the requirements, which states that a town should have at least 250,000 people for it to be upgraded to a city status, while Thika has almost double the population, it has more than 400,000 people within its jurisdiction.

The town boasts of two private universities –Gretsa University along Thika-Garissa Road and Mount Kenya University along the General Kago Road- Thika Technical Training Institute, among several constituent colleges affiliated with public and private universities.

In terms of healthcare, Thika town has more than 50 health facilities, including the well-known Thika level 5 hospital. This hospital helps people not just from Kiambu County but also from nearby areas. Additionally, the town has good infrastructure like roads, street lights, and drainage systems. There is also a plan to build two markets and upgrade a stadium to help the town grow. Over 25,000 affordable houses are also being planned to solve housing issues. The county government, led by Governor Wamatangi, is working with the National government and the World Bank to increase water supply to Thika. The County is also partnering with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to manage waste better at the Kang'oki dumpsite. In 2022, the Thika Municipal Board asked the government to make Thika a smart city, which means it would have smart technology to improve living.

During the public participation session, several issues were raised, which are currently under investigation. These include concerns regarding the two markets (Jamhuri and Madaraka Markets), the matter of hawkers, and the condition of the stadium. However, the town has successfully met essential criteria, such as population size and infrastructure development.

In his remarks, Mr. Martin Kagiri, the Director of Municipal Partnerships and Coordination of Urban Areas, mentioned that the report is currently 60 percent complete. He stated, "Since we have revisited the raised concerns, we expect to resume shortly to address them, allowing us to finalize the project. Subsequently, we can submit the findings to the cabinet for adoption and forward them to the county assembly for approval."



H.E President William Ruto and Council of Governors (CoG) Chairperson Anne Waiguru when they toured County Government of Kiambu's exhibition booth, during official opening of the Annual Devolution Conference at Eldoret

Upon approval by the County Assembly, the report will be presented to the Senate for deliberation and adoption, with subsequent submission to President Dr. William Ruto for the designation of Thika town as a Smart City,

he noted.

According to Salome Wainaina, the CECM for Lands, Housing, Physical Planning, Municipal Administration, and Urban Development, the elevation of Thika town to city status will attract

significant investor interest and secure increased funding. She stated, "The City will have access to loans, grants, and donations, leading to improved and effective planning of transportation, education, and waste manage-

400,000

number of people within Thika Town jurisdiction

ment." This elevation will enhance the county's international visibility, opening doors for various opportunities and collaborations on the global stage.

Upon attaining city status, Thika will experience substantial benefits, including infrastructural development, improved social standards, and economic growth through the establishment of new businesses, increased property values, and economic empowerment via a 24-hour economy. It will result in a better quality of life and employment opportunities through industrial establishment. Additionally, we anticipate increased revenue and efficient diversification of services due to the expanded service offerings the city will provide.



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H.E Dr. Kimani Wamatangi
Governor, Kiambu County



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Beneficia-
ries of the
Improved
Kienyeji chicks
in Nachu Ward
in Kikuyu Sub
County



Commissioning of a water project in Kijabe



Launch of the Njiku borehole project in Karuri Ward, Kiambaa Sub-County.

On going
progress of
Juja Level Four
Hospital (Ga-
chororo) in Juja
Sub-County



Ongoing construction of Thogoto Level Four Hospital in Kikuyu Sub-County

Pictorial



First Lady Anne Wamatangi during International Women's Day celebrations at the County headquarters in Kiambu Town.



Governor Kimani Wamatangi presents donation to families whose property were razed by fire



Governor Kimani Wamatangi with United Democratic Alliance (UDA) officials led by Secretary General Sen Hon Cleophas Malala during a meeting with Chinese Communist Party (CPC) officials in Nairobi



Partners from South Korea for joint engagements

Deputy Governor Rosemary Kirika ranked as the Best Performing Deputy Governor in the Central Region



Deputy Governor Rosemary Kirika speaking to senior county staff during performance management training session



Governor Kimani Wamatangi interacts with staff when he toured county offices RedNova



Farmers enjoy bumper harvest after receiving free seeds, fertiliser

By OUR REPORTER

Farmers in Kiambu are enjoying a bumper harvest of maize from their farms following the county government's initiative, where they have been receiving certified seeds and fertilizer.

The programme to give farms inputs is part of Governor Kimani Wamatangi's plan to tackle food insecurity and economic empowerment.

Most farmers are now harvesting maize, while for others; the crop is almost maturing in farms.

The Governor has since last year been distributing free hybrid maize and crop fertilizer to farmers across the county, and according to the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture Mwenda Kiara, over 300,000 farmers have received farm inputs from the county administration.

"We have made deliberate intentions to ensure food security in the

county by providing farm inputs to farmers. Even in the coming season, we are prepared to give inputs to over 60,000 farmers across the agricultural zones in our county," Mr Mwenda said.

Ms Esther Wariara from Githunguri Sub-County is one of the beneficiaries of the free maize seeds and fertilizer from the county government of Kiambu.

She received the farm inputs in September of last year and planted them on her farm, and now, she is harvesting the crop.

"Before we started getting the farm inputs, I struggled to access quality seeds, which would affect the yield. Today, those people seeking maize flour in the local shop are making minimal sales because almost everyone in the community is harvesting maize from their farms," she said.

Ms Margaret Wangari from Kwa Maiko in Ngewa Ward, in Githunguri



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Margaret Wangari maize, fertilizer beneficiary in Githunguri Sub-County

Sub-County, said the county government has been ensuring that before rains start, farmers are always ready with seeds and fertilizer.

She is harvesting the crop she planted in September last year and already has seeds for planting in the next season.

Mr David Wathika from Kihenjo village in Kaburu Ward, Lari Sub-County, received the farm inputs in November last year and immediately planted on his small farm.

He has also been receiving visits from extension officers from the county government for advice on best farming practices. He expects

to start harvesting from next month.

Governor Wamatangi says the free farm inputs are meant to cushion the farmers who, he said, incurred huge losses due to the prolonged drought that hit the country between 2020 and early to mid-2023, which left many people grappling with hunger.

President William Ruto has lauded farmers in Kiambu, saying that after a prolonged severe food shortage, the country was on a recovery trajectory, and Kiambu County had emerged among the top food producers.



Margaret Wangari - maize fertilizer beneficiary in Githunguri Sub-County



David Wathika Ngigi - maize and fertilizer beneficiary in Githunguri



Esther Wariara Nganga - maize and fertilizer in Githunguri Sub-County

New bus termini, improved road network to enhance transport

By MARION KANARI

The fast-growing number of people and urbanisation in Kiambu County is putting a lot of pressure on the roads and transportation system. This has led to crowded streets, disorderly transport services and dangers for everyone using the roads.

To address these challenges, the Department of Roads, Transport, Public Works and Utilities is undertaking several initiatives. This includes the construction of 7 bus parks and the rehabilitation of hundreds of kilometres of roads, complete with walkways and storm water drains.

Progress updates indicate that upgrading to cabro construction is currently underway, with Kiambu at 80 percent completion, Lower Kikuyu at 60 percent and Banana bus parks at 10 percent. Additionally, engineers are in the process of designing Githiga, Kwambira and Kwa Maiko Bus parks.

The proposed Kwambira bus park,

located at the Total Petrol Station before the Mutarakwa Junction, aims to alleviate passenger pick-up and drop-off along the Nairobi-Nakuru highway, as well as attract Matatu Saccos to operate routes to Narok and Suswa, ultimately relieving congestion at the main Limuru Bus Park.

Furthermore, the existing Githiga bus park, serving Matatus travelling to Kiambu, Githunguri, Limuru and other areas, will be upgraded to cabro standards.

Nancy Wambugu, the Transport Director, emphasises that these efforts aim to decongest urban areas and reduce travel distances for road users. “Matatu users from Ngewa have to commute all the way to Githunguri to connect to Nairobi and Kiambu, the bus park therefore will ease congestion and pressure at Githunguri Bus park and ease mobility for Ngewa residents,” says Wambugu.

She adds that plans are underway to commence phase two of Makongeni Bus Park by upgrading existing small

scale trader’s shacks to modern kiosks after its tarmacking in January 2014.

Ensuring inclusivity and safety for all road users, including the 12,267 registered Public Service Vehicles within Kiambu County, the Directorate of Transport has activated the County Transport and Safety Committee. This committee is tasked with developing policies related to road safety, establishing safety standards for transportation modes, and implementing public awareness campaigns.

Inaugurating the committee, Acting CECM Wilfred Kiara stressed the importance of regularising all public transport operations, especially with the increase in tuk-tuk operators, to ensure the safety of road users.

“To improve interconnectivity, open up new roads in upcoming residential areas and rehabilitate existing feeder roads the directorate of Roads has established a roads maintenance unit, identified and excavated public quarries, using County equipment and manpower to reduce cost of roads con-



“Matatu users from Ngewa have to commute all the way to Githunguri to connect to Nairobi and Kiambu, the bus park therefore will ease congestion and pressure at Githunguri Bus park and ease mobility for Ngewa residents,” says Wambugu.

struction,” said the CECM. The unit in a bid to cover the 4,300KM of County Roads Coverage has so far rehabilitated over 800 kilometres.

To support continuous economic growth, mobility and security for traders, motorists, and the county at large, the Directorate of Utilities conducts routine maintenance and servicing of street lights throughout the county.

Given the proximity and growth of Nairobi and other counties towards Kiambu, coupled with its population of 2.4 million, urban population growth is inevitable. Hence, there’s a pressing need for comprehensive public infrastructure, increased security measures, and urban connectivity.

The Department of Roads, Transport, Public Works and Utilities is committed to improving the county’s road network, ensuring the safety of road users, and meeting the mobility needs of people and businesses. It aims to build upon existing planning practices with a focus on integration, inclusivity and participation.



Makongeni Bus Park in Thika Town



Ongoing construction of Kiambu Town Buspark in Kiambu Township



Ongoing works at Lower Kikuyu Buspark in Kikuyu Sub-County



Processing sub-base on Banana bus park

An aerial shot of the Kiandutu Slum on the outskirts of Kiambu County

Informal settlements set for major transformation under Wamatangi

By ENOCK MAROA

Kiambu County has begun implementing close to Sh1 billion infrastructural projects to upgrade various informal settlements in the county under Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project (KISIP) Two.

The Governor Kimani Wamatangi-led administration together with State Department of Housing and Urban Development, have picked Kiandutu in Thika which has since been renamed Diaspora for upgrade.

Also in the programme to improve infrastructure include Umoja, Kiang'ombe, Matharau, Fort Jesus in Ruiru, Bosnia in Githurai, now named Riverside, Misri and Kiroe in Limuru, Kiamburi in Kikuyu and Kanjeru in Kabete.

Governor Wamatangi said under the program, his administration will make major facelifts in the informal settlements through issuing

over 7,000 title deeds, tarmacking of roads, walkways, drainage, installation of floodlights, solar street lighting, and sewerage lines.

In mid March, Governor Wamatangi launched roads and solar street lighting projects at Fort Jesus in Biashara Ward and Bosnia in Kiuu Ward in Ruiru, with the rest set to be launched within this month.

"These previously ignored areas by the government will look completely different by the end of this year. In addition to developing the infrastructure, we will see that the residents receive documentation proving their land ownership. An area grows because the landowners will feel confident investing in their plots if they have title deeds," Mr. Wamatangi.

County Executive Committee Member of Housing, Planning, and Urban Development Salome Wainaina said KISIP seeks to improve living conditions in informal settlements through investments in infrastruc-

ture and strengthening land tenure security.

"Residents will benefit from social and economic inclusion by linking vulnerable groups to existing opportunities, including cash for work activities. Kiambu people should expect major progress in our informal settlement because the governor is firm that these resources must be used prudently," the CECM said.

At the sprawling Kiandutu slums in Thika, the county has, through the program, set aside Sh150 million for the infrastructure projects in the area for projects, which include bitumen standard roads, walkways, social hall, drainage, and high mast floodlights.

In addition, the county is processing 5,000 title deeds for residents living in the settlement to be issued by June this year, with the governor saying that beaconing and collecting the final data of beneficiaries is already complete, and the survey map was being finalized.

Fort Jesus settlement in Biashara Ward will receive 115 integrated solar PV streetlights and bitumen standard roads which are Canaan, Jerusalem, Judea, and Jordan roads, and drainage, while Bosnia in Kiuu Ward will receive a 1.6km road stretching from Thika Road to the settlement, drainage, storm water drainages system, public toilets, sports center and approximately 105 integrated solar PV streetlights.

Umoja settlement which is approximately 15 acres has already had title deeds issues, and Ms Muthoni said the proposed infrastructural projects include upgrade of roads to bitumen standards, expansion and construction of feeder roads, sewer lines, street lightings and installations of high mast lighting, solid waste management, completion of social hall and expansion of piped water.

The Kiang'ombe settlement which is about 64.2 acres qualified for infrastructure improvement projects that

includes roads, sewer line, lights and waste management, a dispensary, and a social hall

On the other hand, at Misri in Limuru which sits on 23.2 acres, and is estimated to have a population of about 1500 people living in 500 households, the projects include the construction of two major roads which are Jerusalem, Mugumo-ini to Dadas, and Kwa Njenga to Mataaras as well as other feeder roads, streetlights, drainage, and sewerage systems.

"The project will restore hope to the hopeless and given many a reason to dream again of living in sustainable communities within the urban areas of Kiambu," said Julius Mwololo, County Director for Housing and KISIP 2 Coordinator.

At Matharau, Kiamburi, Kanjeru, and Kiroe (Shauri yako), the residents were set to receive title deeds and already the social-economic surveys, demarcation, and enumeration of beneficiaries are already done.

FEEDBACK FROM READERS

I would like to congratulate the County Government of Kiambu for the creation of this insightful publication. The magazine is truly a representation of achievements made possible by Governor Kimani Wamatangi's leadership in just one year. The content is both enriching and informative, reflecting the tremendous progress Kiambu County has made. If this momentum continues, Kiambu is undoubtedly on a path to even greater success by the year 2027.

Looking ahead, I propose that the

magazine considers allocating space for other sub-counties to share their success stories. Additionally, allowing local residents to contribute would provide a more grassroots perspective, offering a real insight into the developments happening across Kiambu.

I also suggest dedicating a section to highlight the innovative activities and accomplishments of the youth throughout the county. This would not only showcase their talents but also serve as a platform for them to share their work with Kiambu

people.

Lastly, I recommend exploring the possibility of printing and distributing the magazine in the sub-counties. This would ensure that the publication serves as a permanent record of Kiambu's progress and is accessible to all residents.

Once again, congratulations on the publication of The Kiambu Report and I eagerly await the next issue.

George Muigai, Githiga Ward

I welcome the first publication of

The Kiambu Report, it is truly very enlightening.

Such a publication has been long overdue, and it is a fantastic platform to give us the scorecard of our Governor.

I appreciate the insightful content in this inaugural publication and look forward to more informative issues in the future. One area I hope the County Government will focus on in the next issue is the improvement of rural access roads. While rehabilitation has started, we urge the county

to hasten its efforts in this regard.

Could you please let me know where I can find a hard copy of this publication? I would love to have a copy to read and share with others.

Thank you, and congratulations on this achievement. Kudos
Samuel Itotia, Thika Town

We value your feedback, whether it's a complaint, a suggestion or a concern. Please feel free to share with us at report@kiambu.ho.ke

Kang'oki Landfill embraces the 'Fukuoka' technology in waste management

By ESTHER KIHANYA

Located at the core of Thika sub-county, the Kang'oki landfill is an innovative initiative that is altering waste management norms not just within Kenya but throughout the region. This trail-blazing initiative, the first of its kind in Kenya, adopts inventive semi-aerobic landfill techniques inspired by the renowned Fukuoka landfill method, thereby transforming traditional waste disposal methodologies.

The Fukuoka landfill method originated from research conducted by Fukuoka University and Fukuoka City in Japan back in the 1970s. It is designed to expedite waste water removal, enhance waste decomposition, improve water quality and reduce methane gas emissions. Countries such as Israel, Ethiopia, Mozambique and Uganda, along with many other groups worldwide, have shown interest in this method. The Kang'oki landfill stands as a shining example of how waste can be managed more effectively.

The Kang'oki landfill is more than just a site for discarding trash; it is changing perceptions about waste management by demonstrating that waste can be repurposed to contribute to urban development. Collaborating with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the project is progressing through various stages, including provid-

ing locals with new skills, enhancing waste management practices and aiding Kenya in complying with its Sustainable Management Act, which mandates waste sorting at the source and the establishment of material recovery facilities.

"This project at Kang'oki serves as a paradigm shift in waste management ideology with the utilisation of waste as a valuable resource for urban development," says David Kuria, CECM Water, Environment, Energy and Natural Resources.

The landfill not only benefits the environment but also positively impacts the local community in various ways. With over 600 waste pickers, many have received training in waste sorting, with approximately 240 now officially registered and earning income through a cooperative. This initiative not only creates job opportunities but also eliminates any criminal activities previously associated with the landfill area.

"The landfill's impact extends beyond environmental benefits; it also addresses socio-economic dimensions with locals getting income from the venture. A number of them have been trained and are now fully engaged," says Kuria.

With support from the county government, significant infrastructure improvements have been made around the landfill, including the employment of staff to manage operations, road repairs, installation of drainage systems, and the addition



A leachate treatment pond at the Fukuoka landfill site at Kang'oki dumpsite in Thika

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of solar street lighting. Expansion plans include reclaiming adjacent land to enlarge the landfill area, as well as the construction of a weigh-

bridge and a data centre in collaboration with JICA, aiming to increase revenue generation for Kiambu County.

As Kiambu County embraces this transformative change, the landfill is already becoming a hub for disseminating new technology across the region. Despite taking nearly five years to establish effective operations, the progress demonstrates the potential for implementing improved waste management practices, not only in Kenya but throughout Africa. The Kang'oki landfill exemplifies how teamwork and innovative ideas can address significant environmental challenges, paving the way for a brighter and cleaner future.

Thanks to traffic marshals, movement eases in Kiambu

By MARTIN GITHIOMI

Since the advent of Devolved Governments after the enactment of a new constitution in 2010, the persistent issue of traffic congestion in Kiambu has been primarily managed by the police until recently.

It was only after Governor Kimani Wamatangi assumed office that the Department of Administration and Public Service devised and implemented a seamless system to address the situation by introducing Traffic Marshalls.

County Executive Committee Member (CEC) Dr. Margaret Ruinge and Chief Officer Charles Gikonyo, along with a team from the department, executed the plan following extensive consultations among various stakeholders. The Traffic Marshalls consist of county enforcement officers who underwent rigorous training on traffic management in Kiambu.

If you drive within Kiambu during

peak hours, especially in the morning and evening, you will encounter uniformed county officers stationed at designated locations. Their operations are specifically aimed at guiding motorists to alleviate traffic congestion.

The initiative has garnered praise from the public in Kiambu as it has significantly eased movement within the county. Apart from causing delays, traffic congestion poses a significant problem in urban areas. Traffic noise and air pollutants from vehicles coexist in the traffic environment, contributing to air quality issues with various harmful impacts on public health.

"The decision to deploy traffic marshals was a game-changer for Kiambu town. It used to be chaotic during rush hours and on Sundays as Matatu drivers were in control and caused huge traffic jams. But now, with the marshals, that is all in the past," remarked Mr. James Mwaura, a resident of Ndumberi.

Ruinge noted that the traffic marshals have received thorough training to effectively handle traffic management, to ensure that motorists are not inconvenienced by traffic gridlock, particularly during rush hours.

"Recognising the typical congestion in our towns, we acknowledged the significance of strategically placing traffic marshals to alleviate these traffic jams. Since their deployment, we have observed significant improvements in traffic flow and order within our towns" Ruinge said.

The effects of traffic and its associated pollutants can have adverse health consequences. Studies have confirmed that exposure to traffic noise significantly increases the risk of heart-related diseases such as high blood pressure and heart attacks. Additionally, traffic noise can negatively affect the nervous system, leading to increased levels of anxiety, irritation and sleep disturbances.

It is also noteworthy that the pollution levels inside cars during traffic jams are often higher than those outside. Some of the dangerous and long-lasting effects of traffic jam-induced air pollution include chronic lung diseases, elevated blood pressure, stroke, and asthma.



A Kiambu County Traffic Marshal controls traffic along Kiambu Road



President William Ruto, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and Governor Kimani Wamatangi during their working tour of Lari Constituency in Kiambu County

‘Mama mboga’ to get new facilities with market construction blitz



Kirigiti bodaboda shed

By NJERI KARU

The journey towards providing traders with a conducive environment to conduct their business through the provision of markets has commenced in Kiambu. In collaboration between the National and County governments, several market sites have already been initiated across the county, with President William Ruto and Governor Kimani Wamatangi recently ushering in the journey by breaking ground at Soko Mjanga market in Kinale Ward, Lari Sub County.

Construction of Ting’ang’a Market is also underway, with the contractor making progress on the works expected to change the outlook of the area. Other markets including Kiganjo in Kiganjo ward, Rironi in Limuru Central ward, and Kigumo in Komothai ward market are 75 percent complete with steel works and drainage system construction nearing completion. Construction sites in Ngewa, Ngecha, Ndenderu and Gatukuyu have been handed over to contractors signalling the commencement of construction of state-of-the-art facilities. The construction is being spearheaded by the Department

of Trade, Industrialisation, Tourism and Investments. The department, led by CECM Mr. Mburu Kang’ethe, has been conducting site visits to assess more markets. During a public participation forum at Ndenderu market in Kiambaa Sub County, Kang’ethe assured traders that the county administration will ensure contractors involve them by providing opportunities for casual jobs so that everyone can benefit from these projects. To facilitate the settling of traders once the market is ready, a data verification exercise was held at Madaraka market in Makongeni. The construction of this market has been long overdue due to political



Construction of Ting’an’ga Market

MARKETS STATUS

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| 1. | Soko Mjanga-Lari-Site handed over and the construction has commenced |
| 2. | Ngecha -Limuru-Ngecha-Tigoni Site handed over |
| 3. | Thogoto- Kikuyu -Kikuyu Township Site handed over |
| 4. | Gikuni -Kabete -Kabete Site handed over |
| 5. | Ndenderu -Kiambaa -Ndenderu Site handed over |
| 6. | Kiandutu -Thika -Thika Township construction has commenced |
| 7. | Ngewa -Githunguri -Ngewa Site handed over |
| 8. | Ting’ang’a -Kiambu -Ting’ang’a Site handed over and the construction has commenced. |
| 9. | Gatukuyu -Gatundu North -Mang’u Site handed over |
| 10. | Uthiru -Kabete -Uthiru Site handed over |
| 11. | Gitwe -Gatundu South- Ndarugo Site handed over |



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wrangles, but now traders are hopeful that construction will proceed. Additionally, the department oversaw Juja market elections, which are held every three years to help traders have a uniformly managed way to voice their opinions and choose what is best for themselves and the marketplace where they conduct their businesses. The Director of Trade, Mary Kirobi, while addressing Juja market traders, congratulated the newly elected members and thanked the traders for their support and organisation. The Directorate of Tourism, in collaboration with the Directorate of Investments, participated in the Kenya International Investment Conference (KIICO), where products made by MSMEs from Kiambu County were showcased, and the diverse investment opportunities available across all sectors within the county were highlighted. The investments team also met with officials from KIPPRA who were conducting a data collection exercise to aid their research in the manufacturing sector within the county. The Chief Officer of Trade, Industrialisation, Tourism, and Investments, Mr. Simon Kiberenge, continues to hold consultation meetings with the bodaboda sector officials from different sub-counties in the county. This supports Governor Wamatangi’s bid to empower the bodaboda operators to run sustainable enterprises. “We are supporting the bodaboda operators to enable them to engage in other income-generating projects alongside their businesses. This support will be extended to them through their various organized groups like Saccos and self-help groups,” Mr. Kiberenge said. He mentioned that the department will also explore ways in which the bodaboda operators can benefit from training in business management, entrepreneurship, and road safety. The Chief Officer briefed the bodaboda riders on the construction of bodaboda sheds being undertaken by the directorate. Twelve sheds have been constructed in Kwamai-ko, Juja bus stop, Kahawa Wendani, Kikuyu, Gatundu, Tigoni shopping centre, Kirigiti, Wangige, Cianda, Kijabe hospital, Kiganjo bus stop and Kahawa Sukari opposite Kassmart Supermarket. The Chief Officer also emphasised that every bodaboda rider must obtain proper licensing to promote road safety and security for the operators and users of their services. The riders expressed their gratitude to the governor for employing one of their own in Kiambu County.

County empowers youth with free digital skills, entrepreneurship training

By DUNCAN OJJO

The County government of Kiambu is investing in the future of its youth by providing them with the tools they need to succeed in the digital age.

For two days, a free training program on digital skills and starting businesses was held at the Kiambu County headquarters. More than 400 young people aged 18-35 got important knowledge and skills. The Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Wylde International, and Meta Inc. worked together on this project with AAR Insurance and the Kenya Private Sector Association (KEPSA) also helping out.

On the first day, the program taught participants how to make their businesses visible online. They learned from Meta experts, got advice from mentors and joined in hands-on practical lessons about starting businesses. These sessions talked about important things like how to set up and use Facebook and Instagram profiles. It helped young entrepreneurs use social media to find customers and make their business known.

"This training program is a crucial step in empowering our young people to become the future leaders and entrepreneurs of Kiambu County," stated Ali Osman, the CECM for Youth Affairs, Sports, and Communication.

He added: "By equipping them with the digital skills and business knowledge they need, we are investing in the county's economic growth and creating a brighter future for all."

"We are committed to providing our youth with the resources and opportunities they need to succeed," echoed Maryanne Kahuno, the Chief Officer for Youth Affairs and Sports. "This training program is a testament to our dedication to supporting young people in their entrepreneurial endeavours

and fostering a culture of innovation and self-reliance within the county."

By teaching young people these digital skills and knowledge, Kiambu County wants to help them become strong business owners. This should help the county's economy grow and make life better for everyone. The program does not just help individuals—it also makes new jobs, encourages new ideas and makes the business world in the county more lively and competitive.

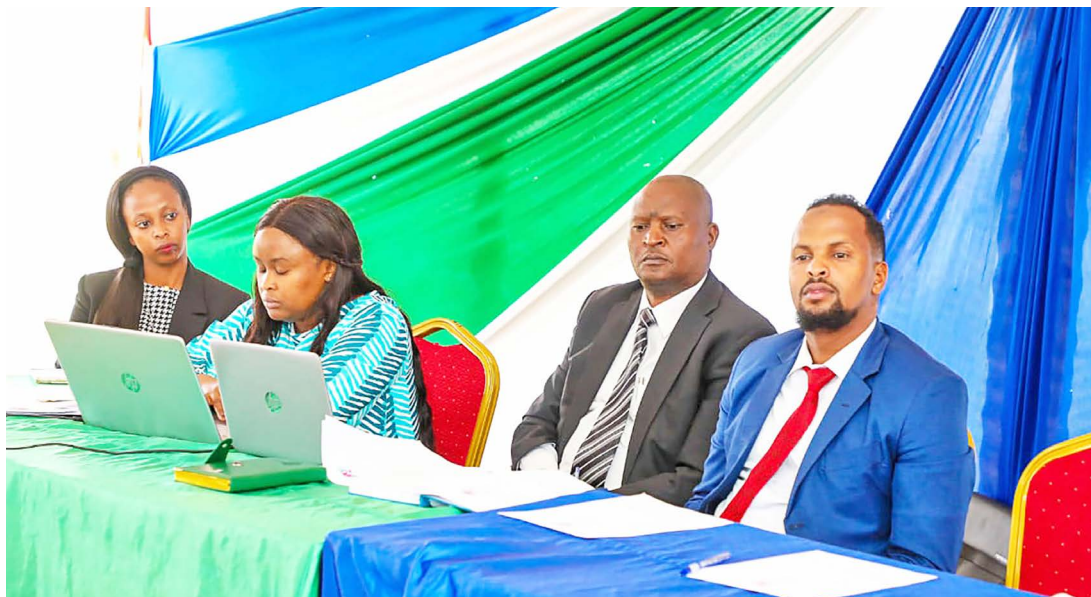
On the second day of the training program, participants learned more about growing their businesses and being responsible citizens. They found out how to use WhatsApp for business and how to use WhatsApp Ads to advertise. They also learned about managing money well, so they can run their businesses smoothly and keep them going strong.

On the same day, more partners like SOWED Kenya, Cooperative Bank and ACES joined in. This shows that the county wants to give young people a complete training experience. They added a session about "The Role of Youth in Preventing Violent Extremism" to make sure everyone understood how important it is to be a responsible citizen. This session helped young people learn how they can help their communities and make Kiambu County peaceful and successful.

The Kiambu County Youth Digital Skills and Entrepreneurship Training Program is a great idea that shows the county government really cares about helping its young people succeed. By teaching them important digital skills and how to start businesses, this program helps them get ready for a better future. It's a big step toward making both the individuals and the county itself more successful and able to keep growing.



Free Kiambu County Youth Digital Skills and Entrepreneurship Training held at the Kiambu County headquarters



Kiambu county officials during Enterprise Fund (Kiambu People's Bank) training



The making of 'Kiambu People's Bank' to assist youth

By DUNCAN OJJO

Kiambu County is working towards a better future by starting to collect information for the Kiambu County Enterprise Fund. This project, a brain child of Governor Dr. Kimani Wamatangi, and spearheaded by the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports with, wants to create a strong fund that will become a small bank for the people.

"This is a critical moment for Kiambu County," declared Ali Osman, CECM for Youth Affairs, Sports and Communication. "The Enterprise Fund will empower our people, unlock entrepreneurial potential and create a flourishing economic landscape. The data collected in this initial phase will be the cornerstone of the fund, ensuring it caters directly to the needs and aspirations of our residents."

For one week, trained enumerators diligently gathered information across various locations in Kiambu County. This comprehensive data collection exercise forms the foundation for a feasibility study, shaping the fund's structure and services to best serve the county's residents.

Maryanne Kahuno, Chief Officer for Youth Affairs and Sports, stressed the importance of community involvement. "The success of this fund hinges on understanding the unique needs and aspira-

tions of our diverse communities," she stated. Kahuno added: "The data collected through this exercise will enable us to tailor the fund's resources to create a truly inclusive and impactful initiative."

Fund Director Mr. John Gitau echoed this sentiment, highlighting the transformative potential of the project. "We envision the Enterprise Fund becoming a pillar of support for aspiring entrepreneurs, fostering economic growth across Kiambu County," he commented. "The data collected now will be instrumental in realising this vision."

While week one marks a significant milestone, the data collection exercise is still ongoing at various locations throughout the county. This underscores the dedication to gathering comprehensive information and ensures the fund accurately reflects the needs of all Kiambu residents.

This plan shows Governor Wamatangi wants to help communities and make the economy better. The Kiambu County Enterprise Fund can help people do new things, come up with ideas, and make life better for everyone.



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COUNTY SPORTS

Governor's football bonanza reaches its climax with rise of new soccer stars

By DUNCAN OJIJO

Anticipation hangs heavily in the air as the top two teams in Kiambu County prepare to battle it out for the inaugural Kiambu County Governor's Champions Cup football tournament title.

Teams are already gearing up for the crowning point of the soccer tournament that has been running since October, 2023.

This tournament was initiated by the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports as part of a strategy to engage the youth in Kiambu and promote talent.

The Governor's Champions Cup football tournament, which attracted over 700 teams, is also aimed at promoting healthy competition and community unity.

Butterfly FC and Githunguri All-stars will compete for the championship, while COPIA FC and B. Fast FC will battle for third place.

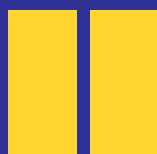
Butterfly FC and Githunguri All-stars have been dominant forces throughout the tournament. Butterfly FC will be depending on their strategic approach, characterised by meticulous planning and a near-impenetrable defence to shut down opponents.

Githunguri All-Stars, on their part, will be looking to capitalise on their quick skills in counter-attacks, with the hope of surprising their opponents with fast and accurate plays.

This game is going to be one of a kind because both teams' offensive manoeuvres are well-coordinated, with players demonstrating a keen ability to exploit openings and capitalise on scoring opportunities.

The battle for third place promises a different brand of excitement. COPIA FC, known for their disciplined style of play, relies on a calculated formation and a strong defensive line. Their approach emphasises controlled offence, with calculated plays into the attacking zone.

B. Fast FC, on the other hand, brings an aggressive attacking style to the table. They have consistently displayed an offensive dominance, bombarding opposing teams with relentless attacks. This clash between calculated strategy and offensive power is sure to be a captivating display of tactical football.



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A Githunguri Seniors player dribbles the ball past a White Rose player during the preliminaries of the Githunguri Sub-county - Sub-county level match. Played on December 16th, 2023, at Ngewa Stadium.



Fast FC player controls the ball away from a Githunguri Seniors FC player during the quarter-finals of the Governor's Champions Cup football tournament on February 25th, 2024, at Githunguri Stadium.



A Butterfly FC player heads the ball past a COPIA FC player during the quarter-finals of the Governor's Champions Cup football tournament on February 18th, 2024, at Thika Stadium.



Fast FC player shielding the ball away from a Shooting Stars FC player during the quarter-finals of the Governor's Champions Cup football tournament on February 25th, 2024, at Githunguri Stadium.



A COPIA FC player tries to dribble the ball away from a Butterfly FC player during the quarter-finals of the Governor's Champions Cup football tournament on February 18th, 2024, at Thika Stadium.

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