

# THE KIAMBU REPORT



Quote of the Month

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**“GETTING READY FOR TOMORROW REQUIRES WORKING HARD TODAY”**



The county is adopting solar energy as its main Power source in streetlights, floodmasts, hospitals, water projects and County buildings.

## Kiambu goes green



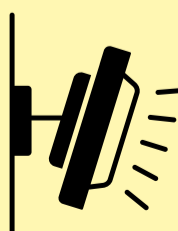
Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi (centre), with his Deputy Rosemary Kirika and other leaders during the launch of Kiambu Solar street lighting project, as part of the urban transformation plan.

By MARION KANARI

**K**iambu County has embarked on a journey to progressively shift to more reliable and sustainable power by embracing solar energy. In a move aimed at reducing over-reliance on the Kenya Power grid, the county is now installing solar streetlights as part of its

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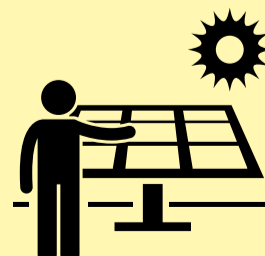
### COST ANALYSIS OF POWER



**Number of floodlights and street lights:** Grid Connected lights is **20,428**  
Solar Lights : **2,247**



**Annual Repair Cost:** Grid Connected lights is **50,000,000**  
Solar Lights : **Significantly Lower**



**Annual Power Bill:** Grid Connected lights is **210,000,000**  
Solar Lights : **Zero**

# Kiambu goes green as Governor Wamatangi fulfils his manifesto pledge



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adoption of renewable energy.

Launching the program at the County Headquarters, Governor Kimani Wamatangi announced that, going forward, all streetlights in the county will be solar-powered.

Governor Wamatangi stated that the programme will gradually be extended to health facilities, water projects, county offices and all other county facilities as Kiambu aims to reduce the high cost of power bills.

The ambitious program, dubbed "Angaza Kiambu," promises to usher in a new era of clean and renewable energy in response to the rising cost of electricity.

One of the key pillars in Governor Wamatangi's manifesto was "Angaza Kiambu," which spelt out strategies aimed at lighting up our county.

"I promised the great people of Kiambu that we would adopt clean and sustainable energy. I am therefore happy that the moment has arrived," the Governor remarked during the launch of the solar project.

During the launch event, the Governor unveiled 6,000 solar streetlights, which will be installed across the county this month.

Making the case for the adoption of solar energy, Governor Wamatangi explained that the County Government spends about Sh1 billion on electricity

annually, with hospitals alone consuming over Sh500 million and streetlights consuming Sh210 million per year.

"The high power bills have often led to streetlights being turned off and essential institutions like hospitals and county offices being targeted for disconnections due to unpaid bills," the Governor noted.

He said solar power systems have minimal to zero maintenance costs and no monthly power bills, leading to significant savings.

"These savings can then be allocated to other critical services and development projects, such as the supply of drugs in our hospitals and the construction of key facilities," said

Wamatangi.

He added: "While we are not completely disconnecting from the Kenya Power grid, we aim to progressively transition to solar energy."

The Governor challenged Members of the County Assembly and national Parliament to fast track policy and enactment of law on renewable energy and zero rating wind power respectively as part of securing a brighter and greener future for the County.

Majority Leader Godfrey Mucheke while echoing Wamatangi's sentiments called on Members of Parliament to introduce law and policies that support the call to embrace renewable energy.

Wamatangi while appealing to all stakeholders to support the shift to solar noted that Government agencies like Kura, Kerra, Kenya Power and RE-REC have been putting up streetlights across the County, leaving the burden of bills to the County Government.

This, he noted, has left the County Government with high power bills, occasional disruptions caused by power outages and disconnections due to unpaid bills.

According to the Chief Officer Public Works and Utilities Virginia Kahonge, solar streetlights have a life span of 20 years as compared to grid-connected lights which last a maximum of 5 years; they are less prone to vandalism and insect swarming, reliable, efficient and have minimal maintenance cost.

County Assembly Sectoral Committee Chair Peter Mburu, the Kamenu Ward MCA, committed to push the passage of the County Supplementary budget which will see the installation of the newly launched 6,000 solar lights by September 2024.

The County has 19,621 grid connected streetlights which culminate into an annual power and maintenance bill of over 260M while 120 hospitals with an estimated annual power bill of 500M.

A cost-benefit analysis of the Riu Nderi borehole in Ondiri Kikuyu, which strongly supported switching to solar power, shows savings of Ksh.737,244 over eight months, translating to an impressive 24 percent reduction in costs after solarisation.

County Executive Committee Member RTPWU Mburu Kang'ethe, while supporting the call to embrace solar energy also notes that the savings from abandoning grid will be used to improve County infrastructure.

## Solarisation of boreholes set to save costs on power

By ESTHER KIHANYA

In the lush green landscapes of Kiambu County, access to clean water has always been a vital concern for the local communities. With the increasing demand for water supply, the Kikuyu Water and Sanitation Company embarked on an innovative project to solarise boreholes in the region. Among these boreholes, Riu 2 was chosen as the pilot site for solarisation.

In July 2020, the solar project was officially commissioned, marking the beginning of a sustainable solution to the water supply challenges faced by the residents of Kiambu County. However, it is worth noting that while Riu 1 and Riu 2 boreholes shared one electricity meter, only Riu 2 borehole was solarised as part of the initial phase of the project.

Jane Murage, the Managing Director of the Kikuyu Water and Sanitation Company, emphasised the significance of this solarisation initiative. She highlighted the importance of

conducting a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis to evaluate the effectiveness of the solarisation project. According to her, the results of the analysis were promising.

"A cost analysis pre and post-solarisation shows a cost saving of Kshs. 737,244 in an 8-month period. This correlates to a 24 percent cost saving," said Jane Murage.

The data collected over the 8-month period revealed substantial cost savings attributed to the solarisation of the Riu 2 borehole. The savings were particularly noticeable during certain months, with December, January, and February showing the highest cost savings compared to July, August, and September. This disparity in savings could be attributed to the varying weather conditions experienced throughout the year.

"During the colder months, such as December, January, and February, the region experienced longer periods of sunshine, which maximised the efficiency of the solar panels. Conversely, the cloudier weather during July, August and September resulted in lower so-

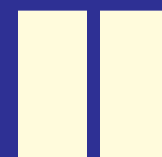
lar energy production, leading to fewer cost savings during these months," said the MD.

Despite these fluctuations, the overall cost savings achieved through solarisation was significant and demonstrated the economic viability of investing in renewable energy solutions for water supply infrastructure. The success of the Riu 2 solarisation project served as a testament to the potential benefits of expanding similar initiatives to other boreholes in the region.

The positive outcomes of the solar project extended beyond just cost savings. By reducing the reliance on grid electricity, the project also contributed to mitigating environmental impact. Solar energy is a clean and renewable resource, which aligns with the goals of sustainable development and environmental conservation.

Furthermore, the use of solar in boreholes enhanced the reliability and resilience of the water supply system. In areas prone to power outages or grid failures, solar-powered boreholes can continue operating autonomously, ensuring uninterrupted access to clean water for the communities they serve.

As the solarisation project proved to be a resounding success, the Kikuyu Water and Sanitation Company began exploring opportunities to replicate similar initiatives across other boreholes in Kiambu County. By leveraging renewable energy technologies,



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such as solar power, the company aimed to enhance the efficiency, sustainability, and affordability of water supply services for all residents.

The county is taking proactive steps to reduce electricity bills by planning to drill boreholes and later solarise them. Boreholes provide access to groundwater, offering a sustainable water source for the community. By harnessing solar energy to power these boreholes, the county can significantly cut down on electricity costs while also promoting renewable energy use. This initiative not only benefits the county financially but also contributes to environmental sustainability by reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

**His humble background serves as a catalyst for the servant leadership that defines his style**

# Governor Wamatangi's journey of humility and service

By FRANK NGIGE

**G**overnor Kimani Wamatangi has long been a proponent of humility in public service, a value deeply ingrained in him through his upbringing. Raised in a modest environment, Wamatangi's early life, as he always puts it, was marked by financial struggles. These formative experiences have significantly influenced his approach to governance and his steadfast commitment to prudent use of public funds.

Wamatangi frequently recounts his journey from humble beginnings, emphasising how it has shaped his ethos as a public servant. He often reflects on the lessons learned from his childhood, which instilled in him the importance of integrity and accountability in managing public resources.

"I cannot sit and watch as public resources are misused; these are the people's taxes. Considering where I have come from, it would be foolhardy for me to betray those who have placed their trust in me," he asserts, highlighting his refusal to participate in any discussions or meetings that aim to exploit public money for personal gain.

The people of Kiambu County first placed their trust in Wamatangi in 2013, electing him as their senator despite his lack of a prominent family name or political background. This victory was a significant milestone, as he overcame several established political figures. Wamatangi often expresses his gratitude to the people of Kiambu for this honour, acknowledging that their support transcended traditional political dynamics and focused instead on his potential to serve.



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In 2022, the people of Kiambu further demonstrated their confidence in him by electing him as their governor. Wamatangi views this continued support as a humbling gesture and a profound responsibility.

"It would be a great betrayal if I let down the people of Kiambu, who have great confidence in me," he says, underscoring his determination to live up to the trust placed in him.

Governor Wamatangi's ad-

ministration is characterised by innovative programmes designed to uplift the most vulnerable members of society. One notable initiative involves distributing improved Kienyeji chicks to women across the county. This program aims to empower women economically, providing them with a sustainable source of income.

Additionally, Wamatangi has established a robust bursary scheme worth over Kshs 500 million to support the education of needy and bright students from impoverished backgrounds. This initiative not only alleviates the financial burden on struggling families but also ensures that talented young individuals have the opportunity to pursue their educational aspirations.

In line with his commitment to the Bottom-Up economic philosophy, Wamatangi's government is also focused on improving infrastructure for small-scale traders. By building new markets, his administration provides 'mama mboga' with decent and secure places to conduct their businesses. This initiative is aimed at enhancing the livelihoods of grassroots traders and promoting economic growth from the bottom up.

Governor Wamatangi's journey is a proof to the power of humility and resilience. His life story serves as an inspiration, demonstrating that one can rise from modest beginnings to positions of significant influence and responsibility. He often echoes the sentiment of Hollywood star Lupita Nyong'o, who famously said, "All dreams are valid," reminding the people of Kiambu and beyond that with hard work and dedication, any dream can be achieved.

Governor Wamatangi

**Governor Wamatangi has made the provision of quality, affordable healthcare a top priority in his administration**



# Healthcare transformation

By **KELVIN KIMARU**

**G**overnor Kimani Wamatangi has proven to be a revolutionary force in healthcare. His comprehensive and innovative approach has set new benchmarks, distinguishing his administration from the three past regimes. By addressing health issues through a multi-faceted strategy, Governor Wamatangi is pushing the health agenda with unprecedented vigour and effectiveness.

One of the cornerstones of Wamatangi's health revolution is the improvement of infrastructure. Understanding that accessible healthcare is the bedrock of a healthy society, his administration has launched 13 new level 3 facilities and two level 4 facilities in Juja and Karuri. Moreover, he has revived previously stalled facilities in Bibirioni, Lari, Thogoto, Tigoni and Wangige. This initiative ensures that residents no longer have to walk more than five kilometres to access medical services.

"The expansion of health facilities under Governor Wamatangi's leadership is in line with his manifesto to provide accessible healthcare for all. These new and revived facilities will significantly reduce the burden on our existing health infrastructure," says Dr. Elias Maina, CECM Health Services.

On the financial front, Wamatangi's administration has implemented the Facility Improvement Fund (FIF), an initiative designed to make healthcare facilities self-reliant. By allowing these facilities to reinvest their revenue, the county ensures that health services are continually improved without waiting for external allocations.

In terms of human resources, Governor Wamatangi has brought about significant changes. Over 700 medical care workers have been promoted, a stark contrast to the previous system where promotions could take over five years. Now, measures are in place to ensure timely promotions for all eligible staff.

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The introduction of a robust Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) has revolutionised operational efficiency. This system monitors all activities within any facility in real-time. During a recent tour by the Senate Health Committee, it was noted that the HMIS ensures inventory accuracy, with stock levels in the system matching those in the stores. The system is also linked to the Central Medical Store (CMS), allowing staff to monitor stock levels and manage supplies effectively.

Service delivery has also seen remarkable improvements. Ambulance response time has been slashed to just 10 minutes. According to Chief Health Administrative Officer Pastor David Maina, the County has refurbished 13 ambulances, making them fully functional.

Other enhancements in service delivery include the implementation of advanced diagnostic equipment, expanded outpatient services, and improved patient care protocols. The county has procured assorted medical equipment worth over Ksh 500 million.

Mr. Stephen Musyoka, Director of Planning and Administration, emphasised: "Our rapid ambulance response time is just one example of how our service delivery has improved. We are committed to providing prompt and



**Construction of Thogoto Level Four Hospital in Kikuyu Constituency.**



efficient healthcare services to all residents."

On the pillar of Health Products and Technologies (HPT), the county has established a dedicated unit overseeing this critical area. Previously plagued by frequent drug shortages, the county's facilities are now 85 percent stocked, a dramatic im-

provement attributed to Wamatangi's forward-thinking policies.

"Thanks to Governor Wamatangi, our facilities are well-stocked, ensuring that patients receive the medications they need without delay," opined head of HPTU Dr. Ester Kamau.

Governor Wamatangi's holistic approach to healthcare—spanning

infrastructure, financing, human resources, management systems, and service delivery—has set a new standard for health governance in accordance with the key health pillars. His transformative policies and commitment to the health and well-being of residents underscore his reputation as a true revolutionist in healthcare.

# Health promoters take the grassroots by storm



Community Health Promoters (CHPs) during the grand launch of Kiambu Afya Universal Healthcare Scheme.

By **KELVIN KIMARU**

Once known as Community Health Volunteers, Community Health Promoters (CHPs) are the unsung heroes at the forefront of primary healthcare, bringing essential services directly to the community level, the critical first point of care.

The CHPs' role is indispensable. They are the vanguards of health education, diligently making referrals, checking vitals, collecting vital health data at the household level and ensuring follow-ups are conducted. They are the backbone of our community health system, tirelessly working to improve public health outcomes with limited resources but boundless commitment.

Governor Kimani Wamatangi took the first step in recognising the crucial role of the CHPs by enrolling them in the county payroll. His efforts received a significant boost when President William Ruto gave fresh impetus to the Community Health Promoters program by providing them with health kits.

"It is important to note that Kiambu County was the first to pay these stipends among the few counties supporting the CHPs," emphasised Teresiah Njoroge, Chief Officer of Public Health and Sanitation. Kiambu County remains a key cog in this initiative, with over 3,200 CHPs equipped with essential kits and mobile phones for efficient data collection and communication. This practical support has not only enhanced their ability to perform but also boosted their morale. "We have been awed by this gesture and are grateful to the administration," said Christopher Kaari, a CHP from Kikuyu.

The impact of the CHPs extends far beyond mere numbers. These individuals represent hope and resilience, transforming health outcomes at the grassroots level. Their efforts are shaping a healthier future, one household at a time. In a landscape where healthcare challenges are numerous, the 'Blue Army' stands resilient, ensuring that every community member has access to basic health services and education.

As we celebrate these quiet warriors, it is clear that the future of healthcare lies in community-centred approaches. The 'Blue Army's' tireless work exemplifies the spirit of service and dedication that is essential for building a robust public

health system. Their story is not just one of duty but of passion and a deep-seated commitment to their community units.

In recognising the CHPs, we honour not just their labour but their dedication to forging a healthier

county. As the 'Blue Army' marches on, they carry with them the hopes and health of countless individuals, proving that true heroes often work in silence, far from the spotlight, but with impacts that resonate profoundly through the lives they touch.



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# Achievements in the department of

By ANN WANJIKU

In a sweeping effort to transform the educational landscape, the county has embarked on a series of initiatives aimed at supporting needy students, improving early childhood education, upgrading vocational training centres and providing emergency relief to flood victims. These multifaceted efforts mark a significant investment in the future of the county's youth and the well-being of its residents.

## Bursary cheques for needy students

To alleviate the financial burden on underprivileged families, the county has issued bursary cheques ranging from Kshs 5,000 to Kshs 10,000 per student a move which has really impressive the retention rate of students in school. These funds are designed to ensure that all students, regardless of their economic background, have access to quality education. This initiative has been met with widespread approval, as it directly addresses the financial barriers that often impede educational attainment. The bursary kitty now stands an impressive Kshs 500 million.

## Construction of model ECDE centres

Early childhood development is receiving a substantial boost with the construction of 106 out of the total 524 model Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) centres. This progressive programme will ensure that no learner in all the 520 centres will have to study in an uncondusive environment a big move in addition to the comprehensive feeding programme offered by the County. These centres are not just classrooms but comprehensive learning environments equipped with three-seater swings, slides, six-seater merry-go-rounds and sandpits. These play stations are essential for the cognitive and social development of young children, providing a balanced approach to early education that combines learning with play.



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According to Dr Mercy Njagi, Chief Officer ECDE and Culture, through the able leadership of Governor Dr. Kimani Wamatangi, the county is giving a wholesome turnaround to education and the impact is evident by the rising enrolment of learners in the learning institutions.

The county also recognises the importance of vocational training in creating a skilled workforce and to this end; significant resources have been allocated to the construction and renovation of Vocational Training Centres (VTCs). These upgrades are accompanied by the provision of bursaries to VTC students, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder access to technical and vocational education.

Mary Nderi, a student at Nyaga VTC said that her dream to successfully get into the hospitality industry will come true thanks to the lessons she is getting and the financial support from the bursary programme.

## Relief for flood victims

In response to recent floods, the department swiftly distributed foodstuffs, blankets and mattresses to affected families. This humanitarian effort aimed at providing immediate relief and support to those who have lost their homes and belongings, demonstrating the county's commitment to the welfare of its residents in times of crisis.

## Heritage site mapping and library improvements

Cultural preservation and education go hand in hand in the county's strategic plan. Efforts are underway to map out heritage sites, promoting cultural awareness and tourism. Concurrently, there is a special emphasis on improving library services, ensuring that students and the general public have access to a wealth of knowledge and resources.



Bursary Cheques distribution in Ndeiya Ward, Limuru Sub-County.



Excel Community ECDE Centre.



Gacii ECDE.



Kiawandiga Model ECDE Centre, Kiganjo Ward.

# Education, Gender and Social Services



Munyaka Model ECDE Centre, Githobokoni Ward.



Munyu Model ECDE Centre, Gatuanyaga Ward.



Mutonya Model ECDE Centre, Gatongora Ward.



Ndenderu ECDE.



Thigio Community Model EcCDE Centre.



Thika Model ECDE Centre, Hospital Ward.



Excel Community ECDE Centre



Karinga Model ECDE Centre, Ndarugu Ward.

# Pictorial



Governor Kimani Wamatangi welcomes President William Ruto and American Ambassador Meg Whitman during the launch of Global Contact Centre at Tatu City.



Delivered training equipment to Kiganjo Vocational Training Center in Kiganjo Ward, Gatundu South Sub-County.



Distribution of certified maize seeds, fertilizers, and avocado seedlings to farmers in Ward Mangu.



Distribution of mattresses, blankets, food and other personal effects to victims of floods in Kiambu County.



Distribution maize seeds, fertilizer, kinyeji chicks, and avocado seedlings farmers at Ituru in Ngenda Ward, Gatundu South Sub-County, as part of our social-economic empowerment programme.



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**Governor Kimani Wamatangi at a collapsed building in Gitaru, Kabete Constituency**



**Governor Kimani Wamatangi leading the search and rescue mission following a landslide in the Matathia, Kimende Escarpments of Lari Sub County.**



**Governor Kimani Wamatangi Nation Media Group Managing Editor Pamela Sironi (left), KNLS Director Philomena Mwirigi (right) among other officials as they discussed plans to establish a library in Kiambu.**



**Ongoing construction of Karuri Level Four Hospital in Kiambaa Sub-County.**



**Deputy Governor Rosemary Kirika hands over a certificate to a participant of a one week training course by the Kenya Film Commission.**



**Public Service, Performance and Delivery Management CS Moses Kuria who paid a courtesy call to Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi at the county headquarters in Kiambu Town .**



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# COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU

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**H.E. Dr. Kimani Wamatangi**  
Governor, Kiambu County



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# Kiambu's Own Source Revenue grows without increase of levies

By OUR REPORTER

The County Government of Kiambu increased its own source revenue (OSR) for the first nine months of the 2023-2024 financial year by close to Sh1 billion to emerge among the highest revenue collectors.

The County revenue grew as a result of automation of services and sealing of loopholes. This was also realised without increasing any of the levies.

According to a 'County Budget Implementation Report Review' by Controller of Budget, Ms. Margaret Nyakang'o, covering July 2023 to March 2024, the Governor Kimani Wamatangi-led administration generated Sh3.34 billion.

Ms Nyakang'o says the nine-month collection represents a 27.2 percent improvement compared to the same period in the last financial year, when a total of Sh2.44 billion was raised.

During the 2022-2023 financial year, Kiambu collected a total of Sh3.58 billion in the whole financial year, indicating that by March 30,

2024, Mr Wamatangi was approximately Sh200 million shy of hitting his last year's collection.

"In the first nine months of FY 2023/24, the county generated a total of Kshs 3.35 billion from its sources of revenue, inclusive of the FIF (Health Facility Improvement Fund) and ordinary AIA. This amount represented an increase of 27.2 percent compared to Kshs2.44 billion realized in a similar period in FY 2022/23," Ms. Nyakang'o said in her report.

Ms Nyakango attributed the increase in OSR to the implementation of the valuation roll and the granting of waivers on land rates by the regional government, as well as the mobilisation of revenue collection at the sub-county level.

The county administration's leadership, in its bid to boost revenue, has banking on a new enterprise resource system (ERP) currently under installation, which is a holistic system that covers the management of finances in all sectors, such as hospital management, building approvals, business permits, and other revenue charges, as well as exploring more revenue streams.

The highest revenue stream ac-

ording to CoB was from hospital revenue (FIF), which raised Sh879.45 million, contributing 26.2 percent of the total OSR receipts during the reporting period, followed by the Department of Lands, which raised Sh602 million from land rates.

Technical Services contributed Sh590 million, business permits (Sh306 million), car parking (Sh266 million), and "other sources" contributed Sh704 million to the OSR basket, which counties rely on to supplement their respective annual budgets.

The county, according to CoB, has been on an upward trajectory, having collected Sh1.16 billion in the first nine months of 2017/2018 financial year, Sh1.8.3 billion in 2018/2019, and Sh1.89 billion in the following year.

During the 2019/2020 financial year, the collection was lowered to Sh1.69 billion in the first nine months of 2020/2021, Sh2.1 billion in 2020/2021, Sh2.44 billion in 2022/2023, and Sh3.35 billion in the nine months of the current financial year.

But Governor Wamatangi said, though the collection is the highest ever, it's still low given the county's capacity of 13 billion.

The poor collection, he said, was



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due to weak systems prone to manipulation, theft by unscrupulous revenue officers and top county officials, and failure to exploit available revenue streams, which have been depriving the county of resources.

Further, the CoB report shows that in the first nine months of FY 2023-24, the county had already spent Sh1.85 billion on development programs, representing an increase of

130 percent compared to a similar period of FY 2022-23, when the county spent Sh807.14 million.

Analysis of expenditure by departments shows that the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Cooperatives recorded the highest absorption rate of the development budget at 38.4 percent, followed by the Department of Education, Gender, Culture, and Social Services at 31.4 percent.

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, ICT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

### PUBLIC NOTICE

### FINAL WAIVER ON LAND RATES

This is to notify the general public and specifically land / plots owners in Kiambu County who have defaulted in timely payment of land rates, that the County Government of Kiambu under the leadership of H.E Dr. Kimani Wamatangi has waived 100% Interest/penalties that had accrued on unpaid rates.

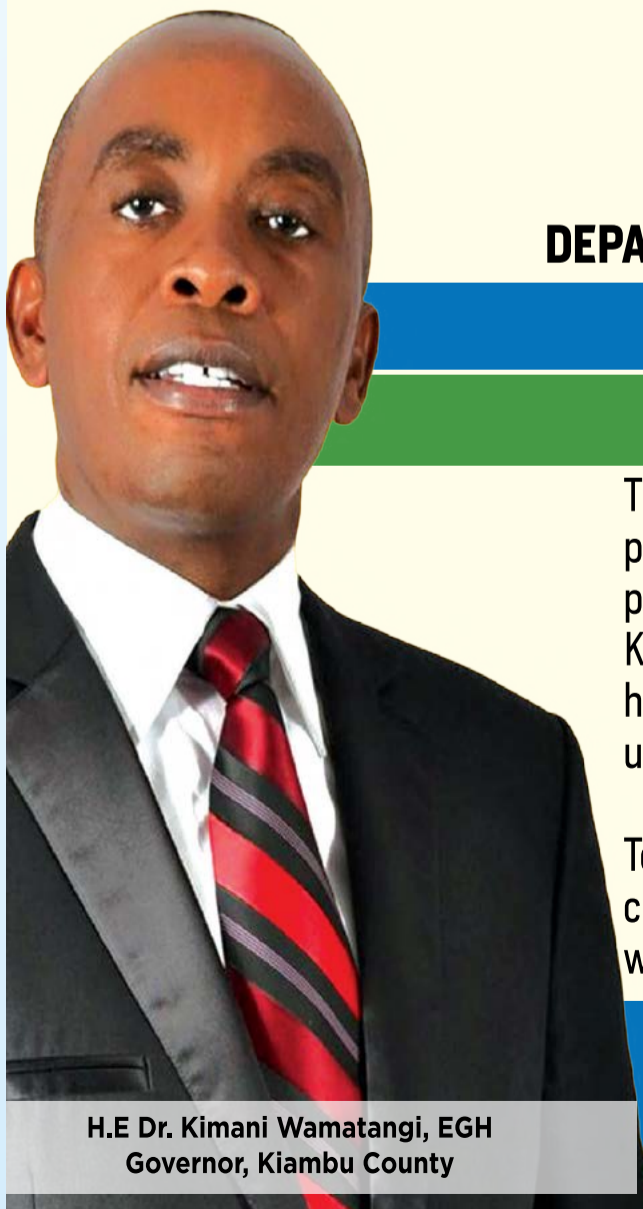
To qualify and enjoy the waiver Land/plot owners **MUST** clear the unpaid principal land rates amount within the waiver period.



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H.E Dr. Kimani Wamatangi, EGH  
Governor, Kiambu County

# County hands over new market sites to contractors

By NJERI KARU

As the County strives to provide a conducive environment for traders to conduct their businesses, more sites for market construction have been handed over to contractors. The Department of Trade, Industrialisation, Tourism, and Investments has assigned sites in Kinoo, Dagorette, Lussigeti, Kimende and Kagwe markets to contractors.

Construction has already begun in these markets as Governor Kimani Wamatangi fulfills his pledge to build decent facilities for traders. These modern markets, fully funded by the county government, are being built using the G Plus One Construction Design and include amenities such as a cold storage room, modern washrooms, an ICT hub for youth, a crèche day-care, a social hall and a ramp for easy access for Persons Living with Disabilities.

The markets will not only enhance trading activities for small and medium-sized businesses but also boost the local economy by attracting more investments and creating employment opportunities. The county administration, through the Office of the Governor's Economic Advisor, has also established a pilot project, the Githurai 45 Kimwi Project, to evaluate various strategies developed to support bodaboda members, which will be extended to them through their registered saccos.

In addition, the Trade Directorate continues to construct bodaboda sheds, targeting 180 sheds across the county, with each ward having at least three in the first phase. So far, 57 sheds have been constructed.

"The bodaboda sector is a significant employer of youth in this county; hence, we aim to improve the riders' working conditions.

These sheds will serve as central hubs for picking up



"Today I would like to say I will have water in my house thanks to the governor, may he continue doing what he promised the people," Mary Kamau from Komothai Ward expresses her gratitude.

and dropping off customers, easing operations, especially during the rainy seasons," says Wilfred Mwenda, CECM Trade, Industrialisation, Tourism and Investments.

Separately, following discussions between Governor Wamatangi and CS Tourism and Wildlife Dr. Alfred Mutua on potential areas of collaboration to increase tourist visits to the county, the Tourism Directorate has begun mapping and surveying tourism sites to revamp the sector.

The commencement of construction at the County Aggregation and Industrial Park at Waruhiu Farm marks a significant milestone, as the contractor completes clearing and leveling the project site and begins excavation works.

"We are thrilled to report progress in the implementation of this long-awaited multimillion project, which will be a game-changer. It will spur the region's eco-

economic growth, create jobs, attract more businesses, and promote value addition of products in the agriculture sector, addressing post-harvest losses, which have been a significant problem for our farmers," says the Director of Industrialization, Esther Gatuguta.

The park's strategic location makes it easily accessible for farmers to bring their produce, positioning Kiambu as a preferred destination for investment.

"These projects indicate our commitment to enhancing the livelihoods of our people, improving local market infrastructure, and supporting economic development in Kiambu County. We will closely monitor all these projects undertaken by the Department of Trade to ensure they are completed within the set timeframe for community development," says Chief Officer of Trade, Simon Kiberenge.



Bodaboda sheds in Kirigiti area, which is part of the sheds being constructed across the county.



## FEEDBACK FROM READERS

We thank Kiambu County for taking a significant leap towards sustainable energy by embracing solar power as one of its primary sources of energy. This strategic move is poised to reduce public expenditure drastically and provide a cleaner, more affordable alternative to the increasingly expensive grid electricity.

I note that under the visionary leadership of Governor Kimani Wamatangi, the county has embarked on an ambitious solarisation project, marking a critical moment in the region's energy policy. This initiative is not only a proof of Governor Wamatangi's foresight but also a response to the growing need for cost-effective and environmentally friendly energy solutions.

As residents of Kiambu, we welcome the solarisation project with enthusiasm, recognising the long-term benefits of this shift. The installation of solar street lights across the county is a notable feature of this initiative. These solar street lights are expected to enhance security, improve visibility, and provide reliable lighting without the high costs associated with traditional electricity.

The advantages of solar energy are manifold. By harnessing the power of the sun, Kiambu County can significantly cut down on energy expenses, thereby freeing up resources for other critical public services. Additionally, solar energy is a renewable and sustainable resource, which aligns with global efforts to combat climate change and reduce carbon footprints.

Governor Wamatangi's decision to prioritise solar energy demonstrates a commitment to progressive and innovative governance. It reflects an understanding of the economic and environmental challenges faced by the county and a proactive approach to addressing these issues. The residents of Kiambu can look forward to a future where energy is both affordable and sustainable, thanks to this forward-thinking initiative.

Ibrahim Thuku, Ruiru

Let me take this opportunity to thank Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi for enhancing bursary in the County. I extend gratitude to the Governor for support in advancing the education of students from needy backgrounds. We are immensely appreciative of your remarkable decision to boost the bursary kitty from Kshs 100 million to Kshs 500 million. This significant increase has enabled more students to benefit from the program, providing them with the opportunity to pursue their educational goals without financial constraints.

We are particularly grateful for the thoughtful provision that ensures beneficiaries receive a minimum of Kshs 5,000, with orphans receiving full scholarships. This generous initiative is transforming lives and laying a strong foundation for the future success of our youth.

May God bless Governor Wamatangi abundantly for your compassionate leadership and steadfast dedication to the betterment of our community.

Elijah Kimani Ndeiya.



# Kiambu on the right trajectory as Kenya celebrates 61st Madaraka Day

**Fellow Kiambu Residents,**

Today, we gather to celebrate an important occasion in our nation's history—Madaraka Day. On this day, 61 years ago, Kenya took its first steps towards self-governance, ending decades of brutal colonial rule that began in 1920. This day marks the dawn of a new era where Kenyans were finally able to govern themselves, shaping their own destiny and future.

As we celebrate the 61st anniversary of Madaraka Day, it is fitting to acknowledge the significant strides we have made in governance and development. Kenya has blossomed into a prosperous democracy, recognised for its adoption of a progressive constitution with a robust bill of rights.

The constitution ushered in devolution, which has seen development reach every corner of our country. This is an achievement that cannot be overstated—it has been a game changer. Here in Kiambu, we are pleased that devolution has started transforming our county through an array of projects that we have rolled out as we complete our second year in office.

I am proud to inform the people of Kiambu that after 10 years of slow growth, Kiambu is now on the right trajectory, thanks to the strategies and interventions we have put in place. Since we took over the reins of this county, we embarked on the journey of "Making Kiambu Great

Again," and I am proud that our vision remains firmly on course.

In line with this year's Madaraka Day theme, of "Agriculture and Food Security," my administration has prioritised agriculture and food security by coming up with ingenious ways of empowering our farmers, who form the core of our population. My administration has been distributing vital farm inputs, including maize seeds, fertilizer and avocado seedlings.

We have distributed improved Kienyeji chicks to over 40,000 women across the County to economically empower them, the pillars of our homes lift the family incomes as well as enhance the school egg feeding programme. In the next financial year, we plan to distribute piglets and heifers to boost farming in Kiambu.

To support our farmers, the contract to supply milk to our ECDEs was awarded to Githunguri Dairy creating market for our dairy farmers and ensuring resources benefit local farmers. The Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Veterinary Services offers subsidised conventional artificial insemination services in all the 12 sub counties. The department offers subsidised sexed semen through a partnership with dairy Cooperatives where the county meets 50 percent of the buying cost while dairy farmers contribute the other 50 percent through their dairy cooperatives.

The Directorate of Veterinary Services continuously undertakes

animal diseases surveillance and offers mass vaccinations on need basis against diseases such as, Lumpy Skin, Foot and Mouth and Rabies. On public health, the directorate undertakes mandatory ante-and post-mortem meat inspection in all the 59 slaughter houses and slaughter slabs within the county.

In aquaculture, my government has helped fish farmers construct fish ponds and provided resources like fingerlings, pond liners and nets. My administration support value addition by dairy cooperatives through supply of modern dairy equipment including coolers, pasteurisers, milk ATMs and digital weighing scales.

To revitalise coffee farming, we



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have assisted coffee cooperatives to return to profitability. For instance, we assisted the 16,000-member Komothai Coffee Farmers' Cooperative revive their mili. We are also in the process of sinking a borehole, constructing a perimeter wall and building a cupping laboratory. We are committed to revitalising the cooperatives sector. In the coming financial year, we plan to support sunflower and cassava growing in our semi-arid areas.

Affordable Healthcare is one of the key areas that my administration has prioritised. Late last year, Kiambu led in implementing the Universal Healthcare programme, ensuring medical access for our people through the "Kiambu Afya" popularly known as "Wamatangi Care". This was in support of His Excellency President Dr. William Ruto's vision of accessible healthcare, a crucial part of the Bottom-up Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Partnering with the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF), we enrolled 100,000 households, benefiting over 500,000 individuals. The medical cover has enhanced benefits, covering chronic diseases like hypertension and diabetes. Also included is a Last Expense Cover, offering Kshs.100,000 to the family of a deceased beneficiary to assist with funeral expenses. Just last week, Mr. Kamau Kimani of Kangoya village in Ndumberi Ward expressed his gratitude to the County Government after the 'Wamatangi Care' programme paid all his medical bills

incurred at a hospital in Ngong, Kakijado County. Kamau's story is mirrored across the county, where the scheme is assisting residents in obtaining medical care.

Our health facilities are well-stocked with medicines and others supplies, and we are focused on controlled procurement to reduce costs and ensure continuous supply. The Central Medical Store in Ruiru, which is now complete, will streamline drug distribution for continuous facility stocking. Regarding medical infrastructure, my administration has embarked on upgrading health facilities across the County.

The construction of 13 new level 3 hospitals and upgrading 4 more to level 3 status will add our capacity by nearly 1500 beds.

We are constructing new two (2) Level 4 hospitals in Gachororo and Karuri at a cost of Ksh.500 million. The stalled hospital projects in Tigoni, Bibirioni, Wangige, Lari and Thogoto, which we inherited from the previous administrations, are now nearing completion. Upon construction of all these hospitalities our bed capacity will increase from 2,700 to 4,200.

The County Government prioritizes urban development as a crucial mandate, recognizing the need for meticulous planning amid rapid population growth. Six new municipalities — Githunguri, Lari, Gatundu, Juja, Kabete, and Githurai—have been established, securing substantial annual grants of between

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Sh.400 million and Sh.500 million from entities like the World Bank. This funding is earmarked for vital infrastructure projects, including road tarmacking, water connectivity, sewerage systems, street lighting, and modern markets. Kiambu County is set to receive a significant portion of the Ksh.7.8 billion funding from the World Bank's Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP).

Out of this, Ksh.1.6 billion will go to municipalities such as Kiambu, Karuri, Thika, Limuru, Kikuyu, Ruiru, and Juja. Notably, only Juja was considered in the newly conferred municipalities, due to its population density as compared to the other five (5) municipalities. Municipal Boards and Managers for these municipalities have already been appointed.

The County is in the process of digitizing the land registry, automating building plans approval processes, and implementing an informal settlement upgrading program through the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP).

Title deeds will soon be issued to inhabitants of areas like Kiandutu in Thika, Matharau, Kanjeru, and Karanjee.

We have conducted land clinics in various wards in order to enhance service delivery to promote public adherence to guidelines on property development, land rates payment, and compliance with County requirements. My administration's vision extends beyond infrastructure improvements to industrialization, with a focus on transforming Thika into an Industrial Smart City. Already, the county has set aside land for the entablement of an Economic Processing Zone and provision of affordable housing. The Smart City will lead an increase in industries, improved transport infrastructure, as well as the development of a competitive edge in advanced technology. We aim to collaborate with the national government and the private sector, to actualize this dream that will lead to the creation of over 50,000 jobs and drive economic growth in Kiambu.

To catalyse socio-economic transformation, my administration prioritises revamping the County's road network, a key aspect of my Manifesto. Our aim is to ensure well-maintained and accessible roads across all 60 wards.

To improve mobility and accessibility Countywide, my government has embarked on a robust road construction, rehabilitation and improvement program targeting over 1,000 kilometres of access road. This program focuses on use of County Road maintenance units (i.e. graders, compactor rollers, excavators, water bowser's, shovels and backhoes) distributed across all the 12 Sub-Counties covering the 60 wards. We have acquired a new fleet comprising of five (5) dumping trucks, one (1) prime mover plus low loader, one (1) water bowser to boost in-house capacity.

We will build five (5) new bridges (Kahawa Wendani, Gwa Gatimu, Theta-Gatongora, Miumia, and Maiguiti) to improve connectivity. In addition, we will complete all earlier initiated motorable bridges and ongoing road works. Further, we plan to procure stone crusher and asphalt concrete plant to



**Florence Waithe, a one month old kienyeji chicks beneficiary from Ndumberi Ward.**



**Lucy Wanjiru, a one month old kienyeji chicks beneficiary from Riabai Ward.**

boost our capacity for continuous improvement of road construction and related infrastructural development programmes.

However, it is worth noting that, we experienced heavy rainfall that led to damage of access roads and storm water drainage system due to blockage by encroachment of water ways and riparian lands by unscrupulous developers, haphazard solid waste disposal leading to immense flooding. We are committed to improving accessibility through revamping road network and associated infrastructure.

I urge all Kiambu residents to observe sobriety in avoiding blockage of waterways.

In our commitment to securing a brighter future for our children, our "Leave No Child Behind" initiative has sparked a transformative shift in education across Kiambu.

To eliminate barriers, we have enhanced bursary allocation from Kshs.100 million to Kshs.500 million thereby removing financial obstacles that hindered countless needy children from accessing education.

In 2023, we gave bursaries worth Kshs.300 million to around 78,000 beneficiaries. This year we are going to disburse bursaries worth Kshs.500 million. Already we have disbursed Kshs.400 million, and the cheques are being distributed to the beneficiaries. This enhanced bursary allocation will assist more needy students as well as increase the amount received by each beneficiary. The amount allocated to each beneficiary has increased to Ksh.5,000 and above and the very vulnerable are awarded full scholarships.

Upon assuming office, I made a firm commitment to transform the state of Early Childhood Education Centres (ECDEs) in Kiambu. Towards this end, 134 ECDE centres are in various stages of completion and will be opened for use later this month. The next phase involves the construction of 120 ECDE centres, with construc-



**Margaret Wangari - maize fertilizer beneficiary in Githunguri Sub-County**

tion expected to start in the month of August 2024. By 2026, all 524 ECDE centres will have been modernised.

My government has committed towards elevation of the nutritional standards of the Kiambu ECDE learners by investing in a robust feeding program. ECDE children receive a bowl of fortified uji daily, three boiled eggs weekly and a packet pasteurised milk to boost healthy development. These initiatives have seen enrolment at our ECDEs rising from 32,000 in 2023 to 38,032 in May 2024. For example: In Renguti ECDE in Nachu, enrolment has risen by 93, Lower Kihara ECDE by 81 just to mention a few cases.

To enhance co-curricular activities among Kiambu ECDE learners, my government has installed a play station consisting of 6-seater merry-go-round, single slide, 3-seater swing and constructed a sandpit in the new ECDE centres.

Turning to the water sector, under the "Maji Nyumbani" initiative, the Department of Water, Environment, Energy and Natural Resources has already procured and supplied over 200 kilometres pipe network to the eight county water companies. As we progressively supply water to Kiambu residents through our water companies, we have managed to connect over 15,000 households.

In a bid to increase water sources within the county so as to be able to meet the increasing water demand, my administration has embarked on a programme to drill and equip 17 new boreholes as well as operationalise 10 existing boreholes. Some of the boreholes include Gatuanabu, Nderu, Mariani, Njiku, Lari DCC just to mention but a few. We are also ensuring that existing borehole projects such as Riu Nderi, Gatina, Mitahato amongst others are functional and fully utilised. Projects such as Gitogothi borehole project and Gathanje Village Borehole are already complete. Our water companies have managed to install nearly 100 kilometres of the pipes supplied, and are in the process of laying all other pipes in the target areas. We have supplied fifty-six 10,000 litre plastic tanks in various public institutions including ECDEs and hospitals across the county in a bid to enhance rainwater harvesting. We have also rehabilitated 15 existing public toilets; constructed 11 new VIP toilets in cemeteries and constructed three modern toilets in public spaces.

In our pursuit to grow 1,000,000

trees, we have grown nearly 150,000 tree seedlings. In addition, we have already established the Mama Ngina and Kikuyu People's Park to provide a safe space for people to unwind and enjoy God's creation.

Other public parks are in the process of being established.

To enhance waste collection, we have installed nearly 100 street litter bins and skip bins, procured two new dump truck and are in the process of receiving a new compactor to enhance transportation of waste across the county.

In collaboration with Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), we have made significant improvement at our Kang'oki dumpsite through the use of landfill method to ensure safe handling of waste.

In line with the Bottom-Up philosophy, we are committed to giving 'Mama Mboga' conducive environment to conduct their trade. That is why my administration is constructing eight (8) markets across the County - each worth approximately Ksh.50M.

In addition, my administration is putting up 18 more markets in partnership with the National Government. Out of the 18-seven are Mega Markets worth Kshs.500M each while the remaining 11 are each worth Kshs.50M.

The markets are in various stages



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of implementation and by the close of the year, majority will be complete. For our vibrant bodaboda riders, my government has not forgotten you-by the end of this financial year, each ward will have three (3) modern boda boda sheds.

On Industrialization, my government, in partnership with the National Government is constructing an industrial park at Waruhiu Farm. This is to promote value chain development of farm produce through aggregation of industries, ware housing, incubation centres and entrepreneurial development. In addition, we are constructing carwash bays, modern kiosks and shoe shine booths to promote our MSMEs. This initiative is also aimed at empowering our youth, women and PWDs.

On Tourism, my government is in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism to rehabilitate and repackage tourism products in the County starting with 14 falls, Mathore view point and Kinale Forest (elephant maternity).

Some of the projects we have carried out in the Department of Youth and Sports include the upgrading of Thika stadium, Kagwe Stadium, Githunguri stadium, Thigio sports grounds, Kirangari sports ground and Kanjeru stadium. The scope of work entails completion of stands, construction of stalls along the perimeter wall, levelling, compacting, and planting of grass and installation of Astroturf. We have also exposed our youth in various programmes to support their innovation and creativity. The County partnered with various agencies like Kenya Film Commission, Safaricom, Meta, among others to train the youth on different skills that would assist them become more productive.

In bringing services closer to the people, we have ensured that all our sub county offices are in good shape through renovations and completing the stalled ones.

All these achievements are the result of the prudent and economic use of public resources, which has remained the cornerstone of my administration. As part of the financial reforms, I am happy to note that the new digital system is now operational. This system has sealed all leakages in revenue streams.

On the ballooning wage bill, I wish to confirm that we have already engaged a consultant to carry out a comprehensive forensic audit of the payroll management system and human resource. This will help us clean up our payroll and avoid paying ghost workers, hence managing our wage bill.

As I conclude, I appeal to all leaders in our great County to embrace unity of purpose. Let us stop these unnecessary wrangles that are likely to be detrimental to our County. The people are looking up to us to deliver on the promises we made to them. We should not let them down.

Thank you, and may God bless Kenya.

**This is an abridged version of the speech by H.E Governor Dr. Kimani Wamatangi during Madaraka Day celebrations.**



# County empowers youths through film capacity building workshop

By **DUNCAN OJIO**

**K**iambu County is taking a bold step forward in nurturing young filmmaking talent through an impactful initiative of training the youth.

The training is through partnership between the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Kenya Film Commission. The aspiring filmmakers were equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the ever-evolving film industry.

The programme ended in a colourful graduation ceremony at the Kiambu County headquarters, celebrating the achievements of 127 passionate trainees who had undergone a rigorous six-day training designed to address the skills gap for aspiring filmmakers in Kiambu.

The workshop provided participants aged 18-35 with a comprehensive and practical learning experience in pre-production, production and post-production aspects of filmmaking. This comprehensive approach ensures that graduates possess a well-rounded skill set, allowing them

to navigate the various stages of filmmaking with confidence.

Kiambu Governor Dr. Kimani Wamatangi, recognising the potential of the film industry as a driver of economic growth and creative expression, stated, "Equipping our youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in film production is about creating job opportunities, promoting our county's rich cultural heritage, entertainment and empowering young minds to tell their stories."

The workshop curriculum offered a valuable blend of theoretical knowledge and practical application. Under the guidance of experienced facilitators from the Kenya Film School, participants honed their skills in various filmmaking techniques, from script-writing and storyboarding to camera operation and editing. This hands-on approach culminated in the creation of short films by the trainees, showcasing their newfound abilities and creative vision.

The graduation ceremony featured a screening of these student-created films, offering a glimpse into the fu-

ture of Kiambu County's film scene. Deputy Governor Rosemary Kirika praised the quality of the films, stating, "The creativity and passion displayed by these young filmmakers are truly inspiring. This programme is fostering a new generation of storytellers who will undoubtedly contribute significantly to Kenya's film industry."

Adding to the excitement of the graduation ceremony, Governor Wamatangi announced exciting opportunities for some of the workshop's top performers. The exceptional trainees will be selected for a fully sponsored three-month Film Course at the Kenya Film School, allowing them to further polish their skills and refine their craft.

Mr. Ali Osman, the CECM for Youth Affairs, Sports and Communication, emphasised the importance of this additional training.

"The sponsored film course is a chance for these talented individuals to excel. We are confident that they will take full advantage of this opportunity and emerge as leaders in the Kenyan film industry," said Osman.

Chief Officer for Youth Affairs and

Sports Maryanne Kahuno echoed these sentiments, emphasising the programme's focus on creating a sustainable future for the film industry within the county.

"The workshop provided a platform for young filmmakers to connect,

share ideas and learn from each other. This collaborative spirit is essential for success in the film industry and we are proud to have nurtured it through this initiative," she noted.

Susan Kimani, one of the graduating trainees, expressed her gratitude for the course's impact. "This workshop has been an incredible experience. I have learned so much about filmmaking, and I feel confident that I can now pursue my dream of becoming a professional filmmaker. I am incredibly grateful to Kiambu County and the Kenya Film Commission for this life-changing opportunity," she shared.

The CEO of the Kenya Film Commission Mr. Timothy Owase said his organisation was glad to collaborate with Kiambu County to train the youth.

"We are proud to partner with Kiambu County in this initiative. This programme is a model for empowering young filmmakers across Kenya and we look forward to witnessing the incredible contributions of these graduates to the Kenyan film scene," said Owase.



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## COUNTY SPORTS



Githunguri Snr player shields the ball from White Rose player during the finals of Githunguri Sub-County level match at Ngewa Stadium .

# Kiambu County gears up for grand finale of the Governor's Champions

By DUNCAN OJJO

The wait is almost over for football fans in Kiambu County as the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports puts the finishing touches on the Governor's Champions Cup. The highly anticipated finals, initially postponed due to recent flooding across the county and nation, are back on track with Kirigiti Stadium set to host the climactic matches.

"We understand the excitement surrounding the finals and we are working diligently to ensure a spectacular event for the players, fans and everyone involved. The recent weather conditions presented a challenge, but we are happy to report that the preparations are nearing completion," said Ali Osman, CECM for Youth Affairs, Sports and Communication.

The pitch at Kirigiti Stadium is cur-



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rently undergoing renovations, with the contractor focusing on leveling the field to ensure a smooth and fair playing surface for the finalists.

Football fans can expect a thrilling championship match featuring Butterfly FC from Ruiru Sub-County facing off against Githunguri Seniors FC from Githunguri Sub-County. These two teams have battled their way through the competition, showcasing exceptional skills and determination to reach the coveted finale.

Adding to the excitement, the third-place match will see Copia FC take on B-Fast FC in a battle for bragging rights. Both teams have displayed remarkable talent and resilience throughout the tournament, promising an equally captivating game for the crowd.

The Kiambu County Governor's Cham-

pions Cup has served as a platform to unearth and nurture local football talent. The upcoming finals, filled with anticipation and high stakes, promise to be a remarkable display of athleticism, sportsmanship, and community spirit.

With preparations progressing well and the Kirigiti Stadium getting ready to host the event, Kiambu County is gearing up for a truly unforgettable day of football.

The tournament kicked off at the ward level, with a staggering number of over 720 teams registering to participate. The competition progressed through various stages, including the sub-county level (also known as the inter-ward level), regional level, quarter-finals and semi-finals, ultimately culminating in the grand finale.