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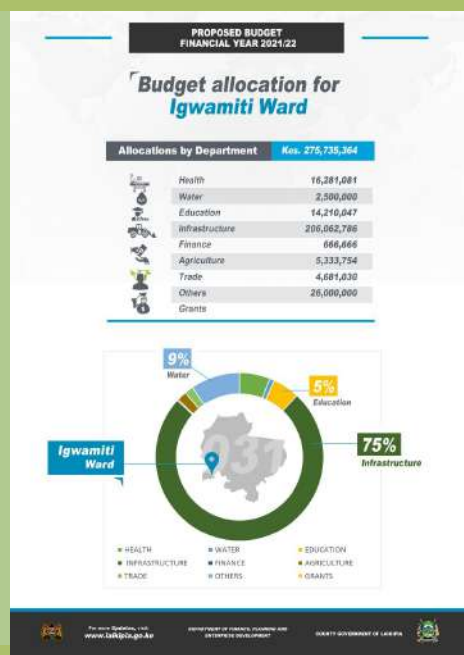
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BULLETIN

Here's Your Slice of Kshs 8.1 Billion Budget

IGWAMITI WARD



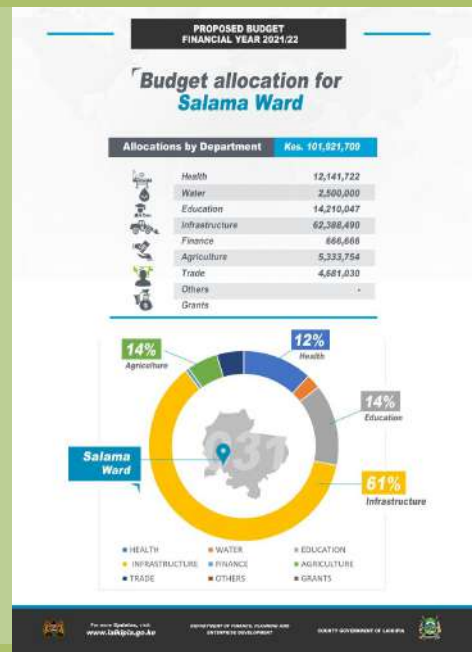
Kshs 275.7 Million



SALAMA WARD



Kshs 101.9 million



GITHIGA WARD



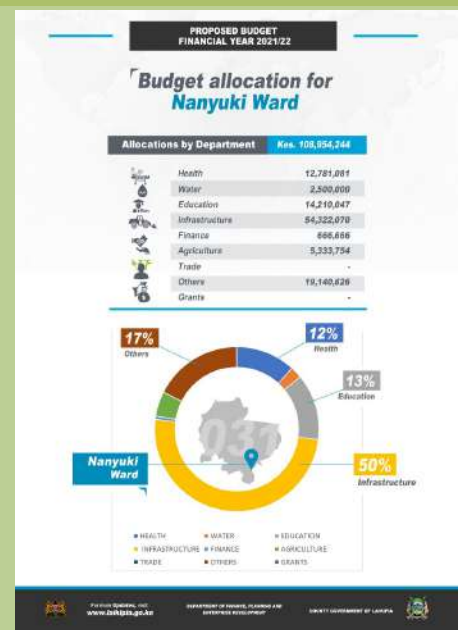
Kshs 134.8 Million



NANYUKI WARD



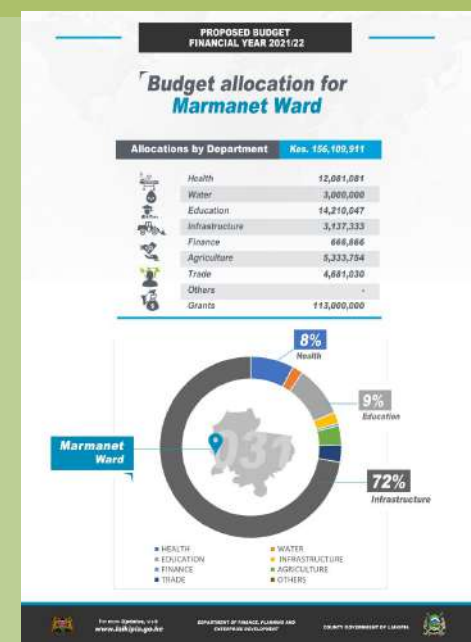
Kshs 108.9 Million



MARMANET WARD



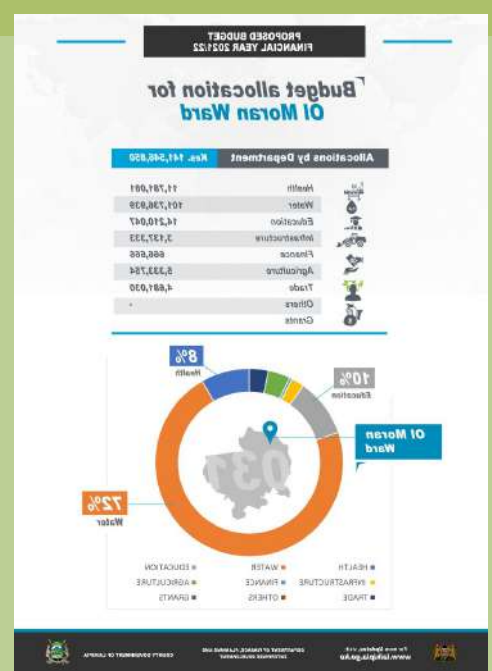
Kshs 156.1 Million



OLMORAN WARD



Kshs 141.5 Million



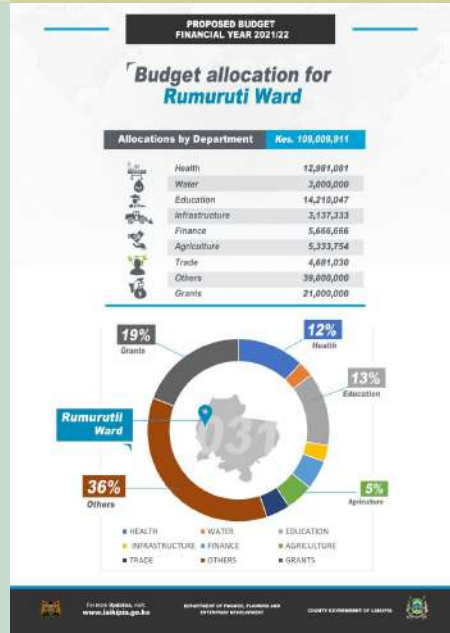
Ward Allocations from Kshs 8.1 billion County Budget

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RUMURUTI WARD



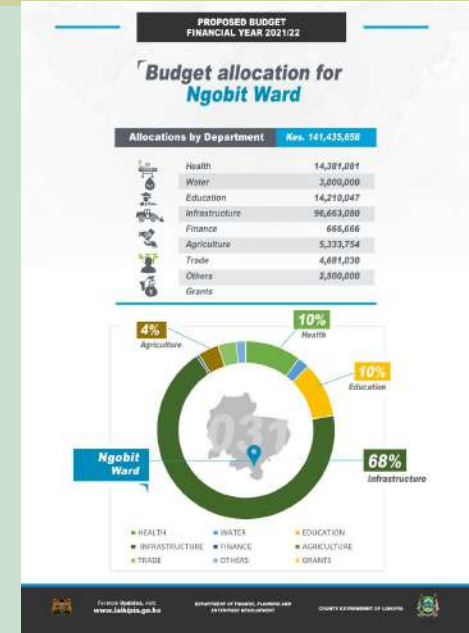
Kshs 109 Million



NGOBIT WARD



Kshs 141.4 Million



THINGITHU WARD



Kshs 150.8 Million



SEGERA WARD



Kshs 136.5 Million



TIGITHI WARD



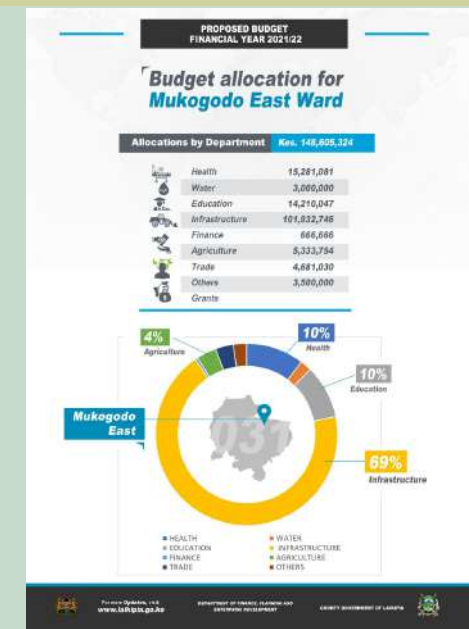
Kshs 136 Million



MUKOGODO EAST



Kshs 148.6 Million



UMANDE WARD



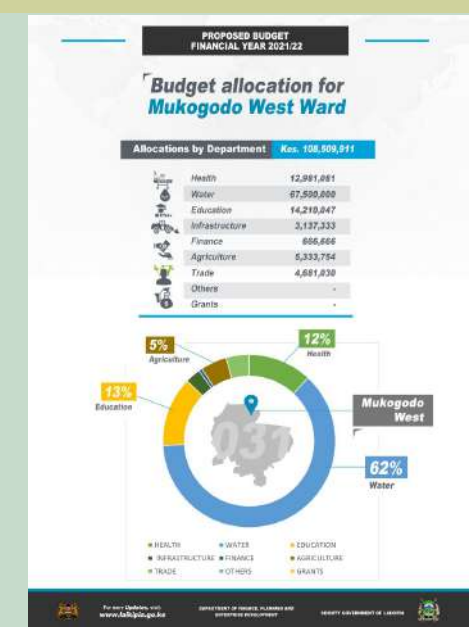
Kshs 145 Million



MUKOGODO WEST



Kshs 108.5 Million



2021/2022 County Budget Distribution

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SOSIAN WARD



Kshs 135.3 Million



The Budget in Summary



Inter-agency Team Visits Sagak Tech Factory Ahead of BJ50 Registration

A team of top-level officers from government agencies involved in the registration of Laikipia-made vehicle, BJ50, visited the factory on Wednesday last week ahead of its anticipated registration. The team led by Chief Mechanical and Transport Engineer Maurice Nabende on behalf of Transport PS Paul Maringa also included Numerical Machining Complex, Kenya Bureau of Standards, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) and directors of Sagak Tech Automobiles.

Tooling

“We are here to follow up on this project, to ensure it meets the quality for requirement of the market. We see great improvement from the original models,” Eng. Nabende said. BJ50, which is a four-wheeler Tuktuk will get number plates within a week after Sagak Tech which is behind the project received certification from the Kenya Bureau of Standards. The certification has paved way for



The interagency meeting at Sagak Tech premises in Nyahururu

the Nyahururu-based automaker to venture in mass production. Numerical Machining Complex (NMC)’s area of interest is tooling and mechanizing the production process of the vehicle. Already it has over 50 orders for the tuktuk. The pick-up version of the tuktuk is on production. Mass production of the tuktuk will go a long way in supporting manufacturing

as Laikipia seeks to grow its economy four-folds in the medium term. Through Laikipia innovation and enterprise development programme, the county has been handholding innovators to actualize their ideas. The programme is incubating over 500 Laikipia SMEs. The growth of SMEs will create much needed employment opportunities to Laikipians.



By Muriithi John

Simon Mulwa, a father of two from Laikipia, lost his monthly job back in 2002 he went into panic mode. Trained in automotive technology by NYS, had gained enough work experience but he did not what to do next.

As he pondered what to do next, his eyes wandered to a lone traditional log beehive hanging from one of his trees in his home in Marmaent, Laikipia west. There lay the answer for his troubles.

He ventured into Apiculture business without turning back.

"I started my business with one traditional beehive in 2002 but have now advanced to become a renowned consultant in this field," recalls Mulwa.

Apiculture is one of the promising business ventures in the country. Today, Mulwa's business is among more than 500 SMEs which are being incubated under the Laikipia Innovation and Enterprise Development Programme. Though the innovator registered his business Api bio and Cultural Enterprise Limited in 2018, he had been offering apicultural consultancy services long before the official registration of his business.

Harvesting, consultancy services, packaging, value addition and breeding bees are the main services that popularized Mulwa's name in Marmanet and beyond. His brands include Api-care and Api-cure are the major products that the business focuses on.

"I thank Christian Community Services (CCS), an NGO who came up with a poverty eradication programme in 2004. The organization was looking for bee keepers who had at least one beehive for assurance of a background knowledge on this field. I was one of them," reminisces Mulwa. He adds that the opportunity came as a breakthrough for him as he was taken for training for two weeks in Nakuru after which he formed a group of 23 in 2006, which required everyone to have at least a hive. Members started going their separate ways from 2010 after most had succeeded in apiculture. The NGO later took him to various locations in Meru, Tharaka Nithi, and Maua to teach other potential farmers on the necessary measures needed to succeed in the business. His urge to succeed in the industry saw him, upon

How Automotive Technologist Became an Apiculture Expert

owning a smartphone, enrolling in online learning in 2008/09.

"I remember in 2008 when Governor Ndiritu Muriithi was then an MP and he was promoting Chora Bizna programme through 'One Programme One Product', which further helped me in my business establishment," said Mulwa.

Mulwa says he and Joshua Koskey, one of the members of his group emerged among the 100 people in the Chora Bizna competition and thus qualified for a two-week long training at Inoorero University in Nairobi in 2011. The innovator is grateful to the current county government for coming up with innovation and enterprise development programme. "In 2017 I had an opportunity to exhibit my products courtesy of the County Government of Laikipia in Nyahururu. The opportunity allowed me to qualify to the Kenya Climate Innovation Centre sponsorship for a two-year training at Strathmore University after winning Ksh 1.5 million," he said.

The entrepreneur is available to offer consultancy services in regards to bee-keeping and value addition, and has a workshop for constructing modern beehives where he also makes follow-ups upon selling the hives. He also breeds bees to come up with a vari-

ety he refers to as the "super bee".

The improved variety is more resistant to diseases and draught. Mulwa's plans to expand the enterprise into a research and training center. However, since the coming of COVID-19 in the country, his business was adversely affected and had to structure a more innovative way to remain relevant and for survival.

"On February 15 this year, I opened up another business to solve problems that Covid-19 had caused.

The enterprise uses natural products to improve people's immunity levels to fight coronavirus and other possible diseases," says the entrepreneur, adding that his business is called Happy Bio Shop in Oljabet. The products are mainly in juice forms from sugarcane, honey, ginger, garlic, and lemon. Mulwa gets his raw material from the locals. Asking him about where he sees his business in the next five years, Mulwa had this to say: Upgraded enterprise that will have a standard structures and equipment that will improve product and services which will provide food security, eradicate poverty by creating employment for a better living standard.

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Governor, DG in Week 2 of NHIF Biometric Registration and Citizen Engagement



Salama ward



Salama ward



Ndindika



Melva



Maina Village



Thigio



Muthengera Centre



Maili Saba



Mutanga Centre



Seria Dispensary



Kwa Wanjiku

Agriculture Department Restocks 10 Dams With Fish



Restocking of Laikipia dams: The project involves the provision of fishpond liners, provision of fish fingerlings, rehabilitation of Rumuruti fish farm and provision of Aquaponics fish farming in secondary schools.

As the County Government of Laikipia is implementing water-for-production initiative, it is also engaging citizens in generating alternative incomes through fish farming.

The county government has been constructing and rehabilitating dams at ward level and through the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries have supplied fingerlings for various dams.

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Already, over 20 dams in the county have benefited from the fish project that the department is implementing through restocking.

The stocking of dams with fingerling is expected to assist young people in the areas to

engage in income-generating activities by managing the dams and fishing activities to ensure controlled breeding for sustainability.

During the just ended financial year 2020/21, the county and national governments restocked 10 dams; Kinguka (Marmanet), Kariunga (Igwareiti), Kenyatta (Salama), Olmtiok (Olmoran), Limunga dam (Githiga), Lobere (Githiga), Marura (Olmoran), Muruko dam (Salama) and Njorua dam (Githiga).

The county government has committed to fisheries development by facilitating sustainable management and development of fishery resources and products for accelerated socio-economic development.

The department has organized dam management committees consisting of the youth to oversee water usage and rearing of fish. They will also ensure controlled pollution of the

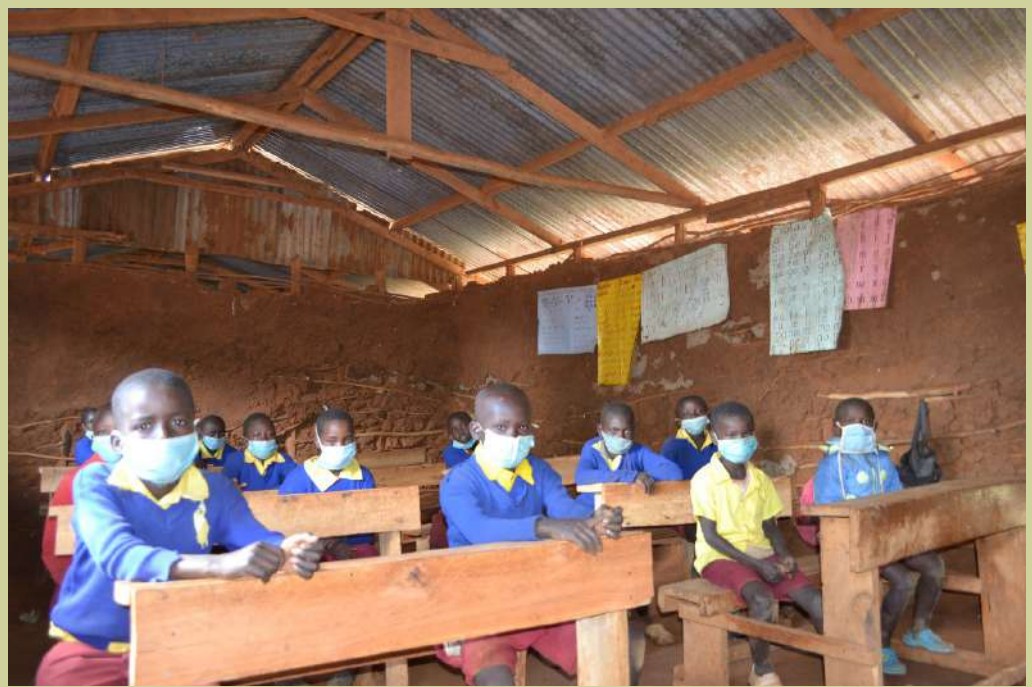
dams to protect the fish from the release of harmful pollutants into the dams.

"Successful implementation of the fishing project will benefit over 3,000 residents either directly or indirectly by selling or buying fish," Peterson Njue, Head of County Fisheries said.

Many young people will benefit from the project as it will offer a chance for gainful employment while increasing fish production in Laikipia. It will also supplement the agenda of the county government of engaging more Laikipians in portion activities that will make the county food secure.

The county government has been desilting dams to create more space for fish rearing. Governor Ndiritu Muriithi urges locals to ensure controlled fishing that will allow for proper breeding.

Habitat for Humanity, County Partner to Give Mbombo ECD Class Facelift



Property Value Rises as Ol Jabet Smart Town Takes Shape



Citizens Impressed by the Range of Services Available at Nyahururu County Referral hospital

By Nahashon Maina

Nyahururu County Referral hospital opened its doors to member of the public customers during a first ever customer open day on June 26, 2021.

The community engaged the government and management of the hospital on the operations of the health facility.

They were able to familiarize themselves with different departments in the hospital in a move as they toured various departments to assess the operations.

The forum was organized to engage residents on service delivery at the facility and map out of improving.

Nyahururu hospital serve about 600 outpatients per day. Its range of services outpatient, maternal and child health clinic, specialist clinic services, radiology, and laboratory services.

The hospital chief executive officer Dr Patrick Waihenya took the community through its five-year business plan.

The community forum is an engagement created by the county government to bring customers on board and understand better what the hospital deal with on daily basis in their operation.

Members of the public aired their views freely on the areas of improvement while appreciating the benefit that the facility offers to the surrounding residents

Customers were given a chance to inspect different offices in order to have first-hand information on the status of the hospital, instead of relying on individuals who might be telling a



different story. They inspected drug stores, wards, and upcoming mother-child hospitals, and they were satisfied with the progress so far.

The hospital plays a crucial role in the referral system in the county by supporting other health centres that cannot be able to perform certain medical procedures needed. There is a need to support the medical team working in the hospital in order to deliver on their mandate, and where there is a problem ensure they engage hospital management to address it.

During the forum, Governor Ndiritu Muriithi stressed the need to ensure residents enroll in

National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) through biometrical registration. This will help the county to implement universal coverage care for every member through preventive and promotive health. They can be able to protect individuals to access medical care by regularly visiting health centres. This will reduce pressure on two major hospitals in the county, Nyahururu and Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital (NTRH). "We are going to improve our health facilities by equipping them well to meet medical demands," Governor Muriithi said.

