



*Special edition: Graduation*

# Joy as LHS Karumaindo, Nguu Facilities Open Doors



The two health facilities were opened on June 3 2022 by Governor Ndiritu Muriithi with an aim of bringing health services closer to the people. The total number of public health facilities now stand at 89. they have saved the locals from making long walks to get such services. PG 3

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In the quest of improving livestock breeds in the county



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Creation of 50,000 jobs, Scaling up water for production and creation of one market in the CEREB bloc among what Laikipia should expect

## Breeds Improvement Program In Laikipia County



By Mollin Wanjiru

**L**ivestock production in Laikipia county plays an important role in social economic and wellbeing of the most communities in the county. It also contributes to the growth of the County's economy as it is a major source of income to the rural households. Introduction of quality livestock breeds and ones that are tolerant to the county's conditions will make a huge impact on the lives of most farmers.

To bridge this gap the Department of Agriculture under the breeds improvement program last month distributed 50 Superior galla Bucks to various farmer groups from marginal mixed farming wards of Laikipia County. These wards are Umande, Segera,

Nanyuki, Tigithi, Ngobit, Salama, Olmoran, and Rumuruti.

The objective of the program is to increase food and nutrition security at household level, provide better market access and increase income.

During the launch of the galla bucks distribution in Rumuruti, the Chief Officer Madam Emily Kioko highlighted that the program is keen on improving livestock breeds in Laikipia County. This is through bringing in superior breeds and crossing them with the local breeds to ensure that the livestock wealth is economically viable and competitive.

The County Livestock officers have been regularly training the groups and capacity building them to ensure that they will be

able to successfully gain from this program by improving their local breeds and hence change their livelihood.

The galla bucks were distributed among 25 women groups. The well-organized and registered groups will also be monitored and trained intensively to ensure that the animals will have an economic impact in their farms.

The County Director of Livestock briefly highlighted on the benefits of cross breeding of the local breeds with the **superior adaptable Galla Bucks** citing that they have a faster growth rate and can attain a weight of 40-60 Kgs in one year compared to 25 – 30 kgs of the local breeds.

They are preferred in the market and galla goat cross breed are disease tolerant and adaptable to Laikipia environment. Besides being mainly for meat breeds, they are also beneficial in milk production.

HE First Lady Maria Mbeneka and Chief Officer Department of Agriculture, Madam Emily Kioko, led the distribution exercise on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in Rumuruti. The County Director of Livestock Pius Butichi, and other County Officers were also present.

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*LHS Karumaindo in Githiga ward. It is one of the latest health facilities that the County Government of Laikipia has opened to provide services closer to the people*

### By Andrew Maina

Nguu residents in Salama ward have expressed their gratitude after Governor Ndiritu Muriithi formally opened LHS Nguu dispensary for use to the public. The event took place on June 3, 2020.

Before LHS outlet at Nguu began operating, local residents needed to travel as far as Pesi, and Mutara to access medical care.

The need for this facility was

made evident by the fact that more than 140 patients had been served by the facility in the 10 days leading up to the opening ceremony.

The governor also led the opening of LHS Karumaindo, in Githiga ward. Both LHS Nguu and Karumaindo will be offering services ranging from vaccinations, prenatal and neonatal clinics, medicine dispensing, and general consultations, to a community who previously had to travel several kilometers in search of the same.

In line with the integration of health care facilities into one service, patients using both LHS' Karumaindo and Nguu will also have access to ambulance ser-

vices, specialized Medical Out-patient Clinics, and sample referral, as the facility is part of a cluster of facilities centered around the nearby LHS for referral.

The operationalizing of the facility was the main event of a public engagement between county government officials, and local residents about a variety of local development issues, ranging from healthcare, local security, to delivery of water services and local roads.

LHS Nguu and LHS Karumaindo become the 88<sup>th</sup> and 89<sup>th</sup> facilities to be added to the Laikipia Health Service.



# What next for Laikipia....

**T**he County Government of Laikipia is committed to accelerating the efforts in initiatives that will contribute towards a target goal of tripling the size of the economy to KES 350 billion. Amongst these focus areas are;

## **Scaling up water for production**

– This is a comprehensive masterplan covering 231 dams, 130 boreholes, five mega dams, and 15 privately developed dams to make Laikipia water secure, and bring 50,000 acres of land under irrigation for crops and fodder.

## **Scale-up water reticulation and sanitation-**

This will be done through connecting 40,000 households with safe drinking water to attain 80% coverage. Also, the government will install decentralized (sewerage) treatment facilities in 19 smart towns.

## **Scale-up profitable agriculture:**

through farm mechanization, agro-manufacturing, high value crops and livestock, quality input and breeds, feedlot program, dryers, storage with warehouse receipt financing and contracts. The county government will commission the Laikipia Meat Investment to produce, slaughter and distribute up to 108,000 heads of cattle and close to 400,000 sheep and goats annually by 2030.

**Create 50,000 new jobs** – by doubling the business register to 50,000 businesses, scaling up the business stimulus program to 20 billion shillings, and operationalizing the Rumuruti Special Economic Zone.

## **Completing 19 smart towns**

– starting with the 12 towns underway, namely Karuga, Mowarak, Dol Dol, Kalalu, Lamuria, Matanya, Pesi, Kinamba, Nanyuki, Nyahururu, Wiyumiririe, Naibor/Juakali, Ol Jabet, Rumuruti, and Ol Moran. The county government will identify another 7 towns in consultation with the County Assembly. These towns will be properly planned, and upgraded with infrastructure build-up of roads, drainage, water and sewer. Each will have a formal program to attract and retain businesses

## **Complete the transformation of LHS**

– Install MRI, CT scan and additional Renal capacity at LHS Nanyuki and Nyahururu. Complete renovation and upgrade of all 90 facilities. Entrench sample referral, networked pharmacy and medical outpatient clinics and quality of care and medical insurance coverage to achieve universal health care (UHC).

## **Complete transformation of the public service**

– continued innovation on systems, processes and reward schemes to create a high-performance public service. The goal is to build an entrepreneurial

public service, that enables businesses and citizens to thrive.

## **Complete 1,500 Kms of new gravel rural roads per year**

– scale up of the rural roads program across all wards.

## **Scale up manufacturing**

– Extend financial support, business development, work-spaces and preferential procurement terms to 5,000 manufacturing micro and small businesses.

## **Amaya Triangle Initiative (ATI)**

– Operationalize the soft security/peace dividends program.

## **One-CEREB market:**

work with member counties in the Central Kenya Region Economic Block (CEREB) to establish a seamless and zero-tariff cost market for goods and services produced in a CEREB member territory.

## **NOFBI and other strategic infrastructure**

– In Karuga, Nyahururu, Ol Jabet, Kinamba, Lamuria, Wiyumiririe, and Nanyuki, connect all County institutions and businesses to the national optic-fibre infrastructure. Bring online Nyahururu and Rumuruti airstrips.

## **Improve educational standards**

by absorbing 600 ECDE tutors to fulltime contracts, equipping all Vocational Training Centers, and operationalizing Nanyuki University College of Manufacturing.

# Kalalu Smart Town Contractor Given a Nod

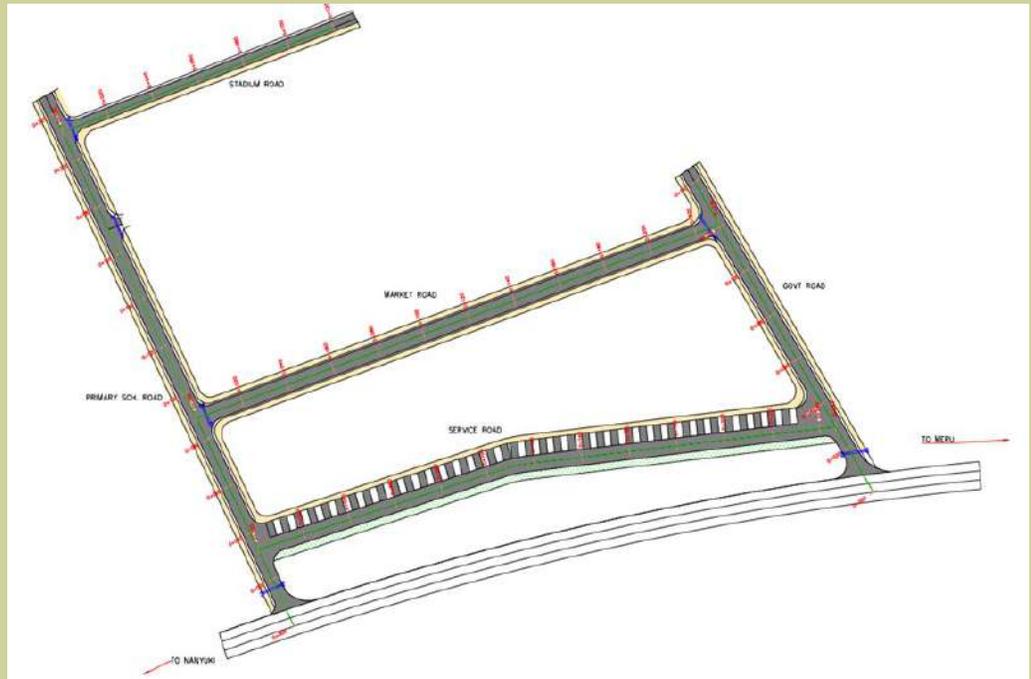
Kalalu Smart Town Project in Umande Ward is scheduled to receive major boost in terms of town upgrade after the contractor and the government signed a contract for commencement of restructure.

May 31, 2022 marked the day of authorization to upgrade the now market centre to a modern town by Wild Lion Investments, funded by the infrastructure bond.

The project's scope entails construction of 0.95 Km of Asphalt paved roads around Kalalu Shopping Centre complete with storm water drains and structures, 1.7 Km of pedestrian cabro walkways and 80 parking spaces.

Some transformation expected include; street lights installation, market development, construction of modern housing for town dwellers, titling of the plot owners to understand how the physical infrastructure contributes to economic and social development, and setting up manufacturing industries, supermarkets and agro-processing industries. This will in turn will lead to increased incomes and job creations.

The town will also be connected with Internet fibre to enable ICT for businesses, and also improvement of street car parking areas and town water and sewage network.



## Motive

The smart city will provide an urban environment that delivers a high quality of life to residents of Umande Ward while also generating economic growth. This means delivering a suite of joined-up services to citizens with reduced infrastructure costs.

According to the Kenya national bureau of statistics national housing and population census 2019, Kalalu has a population of 7,099 people.

The population is expected to further increase after the town upgrade with more investors flocking in as there is an already market.

Job creation from the industries that will be established while other businesses will expand will be accommodated within the town as well.

Residents will also benefit from having various products from a small area, and thus not be moving to Nanyuki to get the same commodities.

The town project improvements also will provide new value from existing infrastructure while creating new revenue streams and operational efficiencies to help save money for governments and citizens alike.

The smart town project smartness will be determined using a set of characteristics, including an infrastructure based around technology, environmental initiatives, effective and highly functional public transportation, confident and progressive city plans, people able to live and work within the town, using its resources.

## Solio Water Project; A Success Water Project to Emulate



*Drip irrigation done in solio. The practice started after the County Government successfully implemented the Solio Water Project*

**T**he Solio Water Project was successfully implemented through collaboration and financial contribution between our Government and the Water Sector Trust Fund.

The project has been implemented at a cost of Ksh. 144 million. It entails laying of gravity mains (31.05km), construction of two masonry water storage tanks (225m<sup>3</sup> each), laying of 30km long water distribution lines, construction of two communal water points and construction of an office block.

Since its completion in September

2020, the government has connected a total of 1883 households to portable water. This project has been able to generate on average Ksh. 600,000 in revenue which in turn has enabled the project to expand its coverage, increase connections and manage its day-to-day operations.

Through this project Laikipia has achieved numerous positive impacts, including a marked improvement in water service delivery and access to water.

Households now access water 24 hours every day. Laikipia has also increased milk production by 25% from 3,000 to 4,000 litres per day

at the daily collection milk cooler.

There has also been an improvement in productivity, food nutrition and livelihoods through drip kit irrigation where household average income has increased by 7,000 - 10,000 per month. This investment has also realized improved hygiene and sanitation levels both at the household and institutional level.

The completion and success of this project has rendered Solio Water Project a reference point for other similar undertakings. For instance, the ongoing Makuirian-Osirwa Water project and Kinamba Water project are designed to utilize the water for production as the people in Solio villages.

The villages were known to be very dry and many thought nothing could ever grow there. However, upon the bringing of the mega water project by the County Government of Laikipia, the place is now transformed. Most of the residents are farmers; growing different kinds of crops through drip irrigation, while others keep dairy cows.

# Public Sector Reforms in Laikipia

The County Government of Laikipia has accelerated its efforts towards the reform of its public sector.

The aim is to build a competitive, effective and efficient world class service that is at the cutting edge of innovation and service delivery. By matching skill sets to the right job and equipping the staff with the requisite skill set, tools and knowledge, the public service will tower above peers in its ability to deliver on their mandate.

As part of the reforms, a cohort of 90 senior level management officers graduated with a post graduate diploma in project management from Dedan Kimathi university of Technology (DeKUT) in a pioneering learning module of the partnership with the University that including the Ministry of Education has profiled for sharing and uptake by other counties and universities.

The county government also has formed the Laikipia Innovation and Enterprise Development programme, headed by a Chief Officer, Winnie Mwangi to handhold and uplift local SMEs. As such, the government has transformed and elevated the businesses to reach national and global markets through exposure and marketing of the Laikipia-



*The graduating class of 2020 from Laikipia County staff members. It is part of the continuous reforms in the public sector by the county government*

made products.

At least 200 of the county government staff are BDOs that help the businesses and local innovators with developing business plans that aid in getting loans and other government services.

The culture of keeping time has also been enhanced to ensure no time wastage for the Laikipians in need of government services.

Staff appraisal, which takes place twice a year has also enabled the county workers to ever be alert in their service delivery. Every worker is assessed by their immediate supervisor to ensure that all the activities carried out are in line with the government's vision.

The spot award, which rewards the exemplary workers across de-

partments, especially those who go out of their way to provide essential services, has also motivated the workers to work harder at their levels.

All the reforms carried out by the county government are meant to directly impact the lives of citizens in a positive manner through provision of timely, adequate, and professional services.

Creation of a dependable workforce by the county government of Laikipia has seen private companies, national and other county governments poach Laikipia staff. This is an indicator of County Government of Laikipia being a hub of fine/ top talent. This has also provided an avenue for career growth for various staff.

# NAWASCO's Tentative Water Rationing Programme

The Nanyuki Water and Sanitation Company's (NAWASCO) demand for water keeps on rising as more people rely on the company for supply. The adverse weather patterns in the region has necessitated the company to seek an alternative source to be meeting the demand, other than just the current one source.

In the meantime, the company has announced water rationing affecting Nanyuki town and the surrounding environment as highlighted in the table. The aim is to ensure adequate water supply to all customers.

This program will however be reviewed as and when the situation changes.

N/B: Any variation on the rationing program will be communicated

DEAR ESTEEMED CUSTOMER,

WATER DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM FOR NANYUKI WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY EFFECTIVE 03<sup>RD</sup> JUNE, 2022

NO	AREA/ROUTE	PROPOSED DAYS FOR WATER SUPPLY	TIME
1	MOUNTAIN VIEW ESTATE	DAILY	6.00 AM – 6.00 PM
2	MUTHAIGA P.C.E.A UPPER AND LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL	DAILY	4.00 PM – 10.00 PM
3	MUTHAIGA MOSQUE AND ENVIRONS	DAILY	3.00 PM – 9.00 PM
4	ICHUGA NEWLINE	DAILY	6.00 PM – 6.00 AM
5	NJOGUINI AREA (BOREHOLES)	THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY	
6	SWEETWATERS AREA	MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY	
7	BARAKA ESTATE UP TO MAKUTANO JUNCTION	MONDAY - FRIDAY	6.00 AM – 7.00 PM
8	BARAKA AREA	MONDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY	
9	NABOSA AREA	TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY	
10	DALLAS JUDEA AREA	THURSDAY & FRIDAY	
11	TEMU ESTATE	MONDAY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY	9.00 PM – 6.00 AM
12	MILIMANI, KABIRU & KANGAITA	MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY	6.00 AM – 6.00 PM
13	LIKII A	MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY	6.00 AM – 6.00 PM
14	LIKII B	TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY	6.00 AM – 6.00 PM
15	KATHERI	MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SUNDAY	6.00AM-2.00PM
16	MAKUTANO	MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SUNDAY	6.00AM-2.00PM
17.	MAJOR MWITI, TEMPLE, NEEMA AREA	TUESDAY ONLY	6.00 AM – 6.00 PM
18	ST JUDE NTURUKUMA PRIMARY, LOWER NKANDO AREA	THURSDAY ONLY	6.00 AM – 6.00 PM
19.	ACK CHURCK, NTURUKUMA AREA, UPPER MILIMANI AREA	SATURDAY ONLY	6.00 AM – 6.00 PM

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