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Investors Snap Up Rumuruti Opportunities

By Muriithi John

Individual and corporate investors flocked Rumuruti town on Friday keen on snapping up investment opportunities presented at the ground-breaking Rumuruti Investment Forum.

The town was a beehive of activity as an estimated 3,000-plus people attended the forum at the County Headquarters ground on February 26, 2021. An exhibition of Laikipia-made product, mostly by SMEs under the Laikipia Innovation and Enterprise Development Programme, run in tandem with the conference.

Chief Administrative Secretary in the Ministry of Trade and Industrialization Lawrence Karanja was excited by the Laikipia four-wheeler tuktuk, BJ50 as drove it around the town which is made in Nyahururu.

The CAS lauded the county government for its continued modernization its towns in a bid to create people-friendly towns that have conducive environment for growth of businesses.

“This is a masterplan that is now enabling people to live, thrive and invest. I encourage others to emulate Laikipia with smart towns initiative and grow cities,” he said while insisting that the move not only attracts investors, but also maintains them.

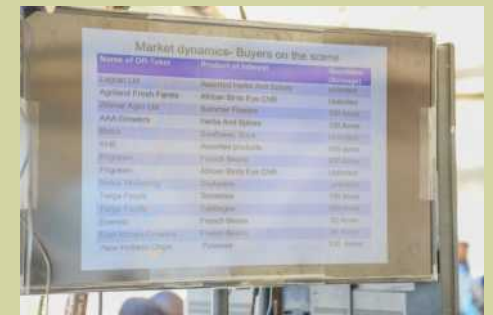
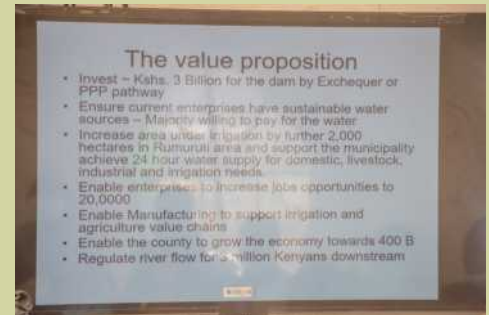
Among the first corporates to snap up the opportunities in Rumuruti was the KCB Group, which pledged to open a branch in the town soon.

There was a lot of interest in agriculture mechanization and value addition, beef, affordable housing, among others.

The Kenya Climate Innovation Center (KCIC) assured their support for the development of an asset leasing pool for the SMEs investing in Rumuruti and entire county.

This will help de-risk leasing firms to offer these SMEs equipment on a user-fee basis. The support will go a long way in ensuring sustainability in growth for businesses in the county.

Another area of interest was sustainable water



for production, the Ksh. 3 billion Rumuruti Multi-Purpose Dam, Ksh.93 Million Lobere Dam, Ksh 300 million sewerage and treatment works by Nyahuwasco.

Development of Rumuruti Special Economic Zone is in progress with the town's Municipal Board setting aside about 2,000 acres for that purpose,

This will transform the town into a multi sectoral economic zone that will allow for a live, work and play concept just like Nairobi's Tatu city or Konza Technopolis.

The county government of Laikipia through the LCDA is willing to accommodate private affordable housing developers to put up houses on the government land on long term leases.

Kenergy has invested in a 40MW solar power to be sold at 8 USDc/kWh. Rumuruti is well positioned along the equator which makes the place to be a reliable solar resource.

Deputy Governor John Mwaniki poked the investors:

“Think about this...we have 18,000 cattle and 48,000 goats traded at Rumuruti livestock market at an average price of 20,000 and 5,000 shillings respectively. This translates to about 700 million, almost a billion a year.”

“When the town expands, these numbers will double. Where will traders eat? Where will they sleep? People with money love entertainment, where will be their entrainment joints? That is where you come in. It's the reason of today's Investment Forum- believing in ourselves.”

Any takers?



A section of the investors who attended the inaugural Rumuruti Investment Forum at the County Headquarters Grounds



CAS Lawrence Karanja and H.E Governor Ndiritu Muriithi savour some porridge during the first Rumuruti Investment Forum on February 26, 2021



There was a road sector roundtable meeting bringing together agencies that do roads such as KenHA, KURA, KeRRA, CGL, KWS. The County Government is insisting on road designs that considers not just vehicular traffic but pedestrians as well. The photo shows the ongoing upgrade of a pedestrian walkway outside Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital

Why CFSP is Critical in Achieving Government's Objectives



This week the County Government of Laikipia went to the citizens seeking their input in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper also known as the CFSP. What is this document, how does it affect you and why is it important. **Mr John King'ori** (pictured) the County Head of Budget explains:

The County Fiscal Strategy Paper is a key document in the county budget process. It looks at the past (review) and the present County fiscal performance to forecast its future fiscal position.

Legal background

Section 117 of the public finance management act (2015) requires the County Treasury to.

(1) Prepare and submit to the County Executive Committee the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for approval and the County Treasury shall submit the approved Fiscal Strategy Paper to the county assembly, by the 28th February of each year.

(2) Align the County Fiscal Strategy Paper with the national objectives in the Budget Policy Statement.

CONTENTS OF THE CFSP

The broad strategic priorities and policy goal that will guide the County Government in preparing its budget for the coming financial year and over the medium term.

The financial outlook with respect to County government revenues, expenditures and borrowing for the coming financial year and over the medium term.

The contents can further be broken down into

- Performance,
- Priorities,
- Projections,

- Ceilings and Risks to the outlook

The key components of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper are usually summarized as the "three Ps and one C".

Performance

The **performance** section provides up-to-date information on County Government expenditure and revenue collection. It helps to determine whether the decisions made going forward on revenue collection and expenditure are realistic.

The performance is usually sector-based. For example, how much is the County spending on health in relation to agriculture? Or else, how much revenue has the county been able to collect?

This information is based on budget performance of the previous financial year and the recent budget implementation reports.

Projections

The projections should indicate the overall revenue and expenditure expected for the next (or coming) budget year. Revenue projections are based on various sources which include:

- Equitable share allocation
- Grants from national government and development partners
- Own source revenue (e.g. land rates, cess, permits
- Internal or external borrowing. E.g. county bonds

Expenditure projections will mainly include

- Recurrent expenditure
- Capital or development expenditure,
- Debt repayment, among others.

Projections should be guided by previous performance or established fiscal trends.

Priorities

These are the key drivers to attainment of County

goals for the planning period, they are usually sector based.

Priorities explain the choices made in the next financial year for the various sectors.

For example, if the County government prioritizes enterprise development and manufacturing as a lead sector/program in economic growth then the allocation to the sector should be enhanced.

Ceilings

The sector ceilings represent the budget limits or the maximum amounts of money allocated to each sector which will be available to implement the priority programs, the ceilings therefore should correlate with the priority spending areas.

Risks to the outlook

It's of great importance to ensure that probable risks to the outlook are identified and possible mitigations also proposed. These may derail achievement of the set objectives. Possible risks may include:

National Macro Economic Stability

Where the national government in collaboration with county governments can monitor the risk and take appropriate measures to safeguard macroeconomic stability. e.g through the Social economic recovery strategy 2020.

Seasonal Weather Patterns

Changes in weather patterns may also be a risk, both positive and negative. e.g. Harsh weather patterns may require more investments in the national grain reserves additional funds for emergency mitigations among other.

Geopolitics and Security

These are great contributors to economic performance. Better security and politics depict stable business environment and hence overall economic growth. Political and security mitigations must be included to manage this risk.



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ONGOING PERIODIC MAINTENANCE OF MACHAKOS RD.
NANYUKI WARD

Kinamba Town Has a New Slaughter House, Ablution Block



The new Kinamba slaughter house



By Ndiritu Wachira, Githiga ward

Kinamba residents are full of joy after the completion of Kinamba Slaughter house by the county government of Laikipia.

According to the residents, there will be a great economic improvement as the traders.

Butchers have been using a private facility. The new and standardized facility has a water tank to ensure cleanliness in the area

as butchers continue with their work. Another boost to the government’s effort to improve business environment is the completion of an ablution block in the town’s market.

This will improve sanitation and hygiene especially on the market days - every Friday.

Security has also been provided with the erection of a lockable gate. The Government will continue with the efforts to make our towns people and business friendly and attractive to investors. This is how we will be able to in-

crease our incomes, create more jobs and improve the quality of our lives.

Kinamba is quite a strategic town that is emerging as a food processing (maize milling) centre. As the government we will continue with improving our service delivery to make it better.

Laikipia Road Sector Roundtable Roots for People-centred, Non-motorized Road Designs



Photos and text by Alice Mbaki



Since 2017, the County Government of Laikipia has been holding round table which brings together all players and stakeholders in the road sector.

This year’s roundtable was held last week. The discussion is centered around;

- * Better coordination amongst the road agencies and county government departments.
- * Infrastructure that is people centered, caters for non motorized transport
- * Use of the right materials for construction and research into cost effective and sustainable methods.



Machira's Sosian Crafts Wealth from Waste Products



Henry Machira of Sosian Crafts



Chopping boards and lamp shades made by Sosian Crafts from discarded tin, drift wood, old fencing posts and used liquor bottles

By Muriithi John

Conserving the environment is everybody's business.

As such, Henry Machira has taken part in recycling waste by converting various materials into useable high-quality products.

As he recycles, he also makes a living out of the waste.

Machira's business, Sosian Crafts located in Rumuruti, specializes in making high end artistic crafts by combining rustic aesthetics with functionality.

This is done through the principle of recycling and upcycling.

The journey has involved coming up with a business responsible for provision of, among others high end lamp stands and shades, and chopping boards. It is hard to believe that such presentable tools come from old and discarded tin, drift wood, old fencing posts and used liquor bottles.

Machira uses his artistic mind to design the materials and make products not only appealing to the eye, but also long lasting.

The work which he started in 2017, is a challenge to the young people to use the locally available materials and squeeze wealth from them.

Machira has no challenge of getting the raw materials, as there is much waste in his area that only needs collecting.

"I do collect the materials that people dump as waste which give me my daily bread. Liquor bottles are readily available, same as tins and drift wood," says Machira.

Just as Governor Ndiritu Muriithi insists, Machira is a manufacturer who aims at selling his products in Laikipia county before venturing into other markets. Most of Machira's customers are Laikipians, especially hotels wishing to enhance their standards using the artist's precious commodities.

"My customers come from local high-end

lodges and hotels because they believe in my quality products," says Machira, who is a living testimony that local manufacturers make quality products like those imported and even better.

The Governor has been urging Laikipians to own and support local manufacturers. Imports is tantamount to giving away employment opportunities to other countries.

"Let's change our mindsets that our local manufacturers produce substandard commodities," insists Governor Muriithi.

Mr. Machira is thankful to the County Government of Laikipia for setting a stage to help and nurture local innovators. The leadership, he says has created an enabling environment for thriving of innovation in the county, something that lacks in other counties.

"Laikipia government has demonstrated a good-will for the people through creation of a whole department to nurture innovators and direct them towards prosperity," commented

the innovator.

"This is an extremely good initiative. It really is a good initiative," he added.

From own experience Machira confirms that the department allows the young people to enjoy their talent and help expose their products and get their source of income.

The Laikipia Innovation Development Programme was created to hand-hold innovators through giving them exposure to the market and transforming ideas into business-generating activity.

However, Machira would appreciate more if there was a way to limit the number of trips he make from Rumuruti to Nanyuki in search of a good wood precision equipment. The rare material is essential in his work and looks forward to when the tool will be available in his nearest VTC.

To order these products, contact Machira on +254 722 524360 or <https://www.instagram.com/airbornewalksonair/>



Laikipia Gets Nod to Borrow For Transformational Projects



By Nahashon Maina

Laikipia county has achieved another milestone in its effort to go to the market to raise fund from private sector to finance its ambitious transformational projects.

This is after the borrowing framework was agreed during the recent held Intergovernmental Budget and Economic Council (IBEC). The framework will set the guidelines and

borrowing headroom of approximately Ksh 60 B available to the counties.

In addition to this, Laikipia has received a greenlight on its credit rating. The Launch of 2020 county government of Laikipia credit rating report on February 22 by GCR Rating affirmed that the county's books are clean and have a good credit worthiness.

Credit rating is an objective analysis of an institution's credit worthiness which demonstrates the ability and willingness of the government or any institution to fulfill its finan-

cial obligations fully and on time.

This will give prospective investors confidence that Laikipia will be able to honor its commitment to them. Laikipia has been banking on the transparency of its financial management as the better practice that will showcase the county as having better utilization of the public funds.

The citizens are able to analyse the spending of the monies allocated to the county.

The county targets to raise Ksh 1.4 B by April for the transformative projects. The projects embarked for the fund include water for production, smart town initiative, feedlot, roads among others.

Public Financial Management Act (PFMA) allows the counties to borrow up to 20% of their total revenue. Basing the 2019/20 financial year, the budget for Laikipia was 7.1 B hence it will be borrowing the 1.4 B.

This will avail more funds to the county to meet its obligations and achieve its development agenda set out by the government. On the same. The county is expected to receive more funds as the national government increase the equitable allocation to the counties.

The coming financial year, the counties are expected to receive a total of 409 B. this will be the first time the allocation has hit the 400B mark. Ksh 370 B will be from equitable share while an additional 50 B will be conditional grants.

Laikipians Enjoying Clean Environment From Regular Waste Collection



Regular cleaning of towns in Laikipia for a hygienic environment

By Nahashon Maina

The Directorate of Environment and Natural Resources collected over 82,000 tons of solid waste in 2019/20 in all parts of Laikipia.

This has gone a long way in ensuring that ma-

yor urban centres remains clean.

The department has been in the forefront of ensuring there is efficient management and cleanliness of all public premises. The refuse collection took place in all wards and the disposal of the same was maintained.

The work also involved clearing and unclog-

ging of drainage. Work on drains done 3 times / weeks in Rumuruti township and the clearing of drains done weekly in outstations. Approximately 100 km of the stormwater drains were cleaned, cleared and unclogged.

In Laikipia West, approximately 351 km of the stormwater drains were cleaned, cleared and unclogged. Laikipia East saw approximately 500kms drainage system unclogged and maintained.

In dumpsite management, weekly open air burning of refuse. Clearing of hedges and bushes in dumpsite compound. Dumpsite surveyed in the review year for fencing. Dumpsite was excavated and compacted. Laikipia West, Excavating and compacting of Nyahururu Dumpsite.

Laikipia East, Nanyuki dumpsite road muraled and graded. Compaction of waste at the dumpsite done to create more space for disposal.

Improved Football Fields to Improve Sporting Activities in Laikipia



Football teams play at Nanyuki Stadium. Below: Plays enjoy their game in Ol-Moran

counties. The academies, which are aimed at searching, nurturing and development of sports talents at the grassroots. The project has both commercial benefits and employment creation for youths.

A vibrant football activity in Laikipia will attract such investment and ensure that youth are able to promote their talent.

The maintenance of playing field in the county aims to provide adequate and well-maintained sports venues for training and competition. This will also create an enabling environment for talent development and exposure to regional and national competitions.

Mr. Kaka also noted that teams will be promoted on merits in the coming football calendar. For a team in the sub county to secure a promotion in the county league it must win in the current league.

The same will apply to the teams in the county league wishing to be promoted to the regional league.

By Nahashon Maina


The status of football fields in the county is being carried out by FKF Laikipia county chairman to ensure that they are in the right conditions. Since many teams are unable to travel, there is need to have good field in their location to play the FKF fixtures. According to FKF chair Laikipia branch Abdul Kaka, they will be visiting Muthengera field since the area teams have been com-

plaining and they will see where the problem is so that it can be addressed.

With good football fields, Laikipia will be able to harness, develop and manage sports and support teams and youths will improve their wellbeing. It will also seek to improve their economic status by endeavoring to collaborate with relevant investment actors in order to make the county a better place through the power of sports.


Currently, the national government is seeking to establish regional sport academies in 10





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LAIKIPIA COUNTY ODIBETS LEAGUE

LEAGUE TABLE

MATCH DAY 5

Zone A

No.	Team	P	W	D	L	G+	G-	GD	PTS
1	Segera FC	3	2	1	0	9	4	5	7
2	Laikipia Lions FC	3	1	1	1	5	3	2	4
3	Mighty Warriors FC	4	1	1	2	7	9	-2	4
4	Gatimba FC	3	0	3	0	5	5	0	3
5	White Hawks FC	2	1	0	1	2	4	-2	3
6	Narumoru All Stars FC	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

Note: The table above does not include the match between Narumoru All Stars vs Gatimba FC

Zone B


No.	Team	P	W	D	L	G+	G-	GD	PTS
1	Bright FC	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
2	Mbarakia FC	3	2	0	1	3	3	0	6
3	Blue Tigers	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	4
4	GK Rumuruti Prisons	3	0	1	2	2	4	-2	1
5	Homeboys FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	SGR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Winners in each zone to play a home and away match to determine the County League Champions

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LAIKIPIA SUB COUNTY LEAGUE

LEAGUE TABLE

MATCH DAY 3

Zone A (Laikipia West)

No.	Team	P	W	D	L	G+	G-	GD	PTS
1	Karandi FC	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
2	El-Ganador	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
3	Mwazi FC	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
4	Ngarachi FC	3	1	0	2	1	2	-1	3
5	Upendo FC	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
6	Anapimoi FC	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
7	B Stars FC	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
8	Karuaha FC	3	0	2	1	0	1	-1	2
9	Olmator Main Switch	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
10	Young Simba FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1

Zone B (Laikipia North)

No.	Team	P	W	D	L	G+	G-	GD	PTS
1	LUFA Endiana	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
2	Ksharks	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3	Ndikir FC	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
4	Depatas FC	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
5	Young Buffaloes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Olpejeta Conservancy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Eahal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Marginpar FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: The League Table does not include the following matches:
Anapimoi FC/Simba FC
Karandi FC/B Stars FC
Olmator Main Switch/ Simba FC
Upendo FC/Olmator mainswitch

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Rumuruti As County Headquater of Laikipia County

By Jackline Mariga

Rumuruti Municipality is the formal headquarters of Laikipia County. The municipality is centrally located and thus easily accessible from all parts of Laikipia County.

Any activities carried out in Rumuruti impact the whole county.

The town's population has grown from 32,993 in 2009 to a projected population of 42,585 in 2020, representing an annual growth rate of 2.64%. Most of the population is below the age of 35. The rate of population growth is expected to rise owing to the status of the municipality as county headquarters, the construction of the Nyahururu – Maralal highway, and the growing integration of northern Kenya to the rest of the country, in which Rumuruti acts as gateway.

Economy

Rumuruti has a mixed economy based mainly on trade, agriculture, transport and services. The key sectors are described below.

Livestock Trade: Livestock is the municipalities economic mainstay. Rumuruti hosts one of the biggest animal markets in Kenya, with traders coming from across the country to take advantage of Rumuruti's central location be-



tween the livestock-keeping north and the rest of the country. A total of 16,800 cows, 24,000 goats and 33,600 sheep were traded in 2019/2020 financial year, earning the county significant tax revenues.

Agriculture: Many Rumuruti residents engage in agriculture and related value chains. Agriculture sector is the biggest employer and a major contributor to the municipality's economy. The hinterland has rich soils, which support the growing of a wide variety of cereals and horticultural produce, with maize, wheat, and tomatoes being the main crops. The area is also prominent in the production of fruits and flowers for export.

Retail Trade: Most traders engage in retail trade, transacting mostly in agriculture produce or goods imported from outside the mu-

nicipality. Among the most prominent types of retail is trade in household/consumer goods, *mitumba* and agricultural products. The municipality has one wholesale market and one fresh produce market serving 156 traders, but demand for market stalls is high and rising. Traders constitute one of the biggest sources of revenue through payment of licenses. There are 852 licenced businesses, directly employing approximately 1,300 people.

Services: The Services sector is a growing part of the municipality's economy. Rumuruti attracts an increasing number of visitors. The hospitality industry is growing and new hotels are coming up. The municipality is surrounded by many attractions which enhance its potential for tourism services. Moreover, the Municipality is served by all major telecommunication companies and the national fibre network.

Transport: Rumuruti is a regional transport hub, serving surrounding areas and linking northern Kenya to the southern part of the country. The main mode of transport is road, with major highways passing through or terminating in the municipality, chief among them, the Nyahururu – Maralal road and soon-to-be-tarmacked Nanyuki Highway. Transport provides a huge part of the Municipality's employment especially through *boda bodas* and *matatus*.

Rumuruti Investment Forum in Pictures

