



Laikipia

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Electoral Commission Looking for 91,000 More Laikipia Voters

The electoral commission is out near you looking for over 91,000 Laikipia citizens to register them as voters.

It is through voting that citizens elect leaders of their choice. Bad leaders are elected into various offices when good citizens fail to vote.

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) is now looking for 91, 369 Laikipians who have reached the age of voting but are not registered yet.

The exercise, dubbed Enhanced Continuous Voter Registration, began on October 4 and will end on November 2, 2021.

The distribution of numbers based on the wards are as follows: Ol Moran (3,420), Rumuruti (4,097), Githiga (5,719), Marmaret (9,429), Igwamiti (15,087), Salama (3,374), Ngobit (6,205), Tigithi (6,301) Thingithu (6, 310), Nanyuki (9,939), Umande (4,212), Sosian (6,958),

Segera (4,199), Mukogodo West (2,069) and Mukogodo West (4,050). The commission has deployed a total of 47 voter registration kits across the county to make it easier for the citizens to register.

“We urge eligible voters to take this advantage during the ongoing enhanced continuous voter registration exercise and register as voters and avoid the last-minute rush,” county elections manager Agnes Mutisya said.

“We urge the youth and any other person who failed to register as a voter in 2017 to come out in large numbers to register,” she said. There might be congestion if voters come out during the last minute, a situation that can be avoided at the moment. Those who registered during the previous general elections should also visit registration centers to verify their details. Each of the wards has three machines moving around for easier registration as follows:

IGWAMITI

DATE	DAY	KIT 13	KIT 14	KIT 15	TIME
11/10/2021	MONDAY	KANG'A B	MAINA STAGE	KARUGA SHOPPING CENTRE	8AM-5PM
12/10/2021	TUESDAY	KANG'A B	MAINA STAGE	KARUGA SHOPPING CENTRE	8AM-5PM
13/10/2021	WEDNESDAY	KANG'A B	MAINA STAGE	KARUGA SHOPPING CENTRE	8AM-5PM
14/10/2021	THURSDAY	KUNDARILLA SHOPPING CENTRE	THAMA PRIMARY SCHOOL	SHAMANEI AREA	8AM-5PM
15/10/2021	FRIDAY	KUNDARILLA SHOPPING CENTRE	THAMA PRIMARY SCHOOL	SHAMANEI AREA	8AM-5PM
16/10/2021	SATURDAY	KUNDARILLA SHOPPING CENTRE	THAMA PRIMARY SCHOOL	SHAMANEI AREA	8AM-5PM
17/10/2021	SUNDAY	KUNDARILLA SHOPPING CENTRE	THAMA PRIMARY SCHOOL	SHAMANEI AREA	8AM-5PM

MARMARNET

DATE	DAY	KIT 10	KIT 11	KIT 12	TIME
11/10/2021	MONDAY	GATIRIMA SHOPPING CENTRE	MUNYU CENTRE	KWA WANJIKU CENTRE	8AM-5PM
12/10/2021	TUESDAY	GATIRIMA SHOPPING CENTRE	MUNYU CENTRE	KWA WANJIKU CENTRE	8AM-5PM
13/10/2021	WEDNESDAY	NG'ARACHI CENTRE	MUNYU CENTRE	WANDETO SHOPPING CENTRE	8AM-5PM
14/10/2021	THURSDAY	NG'ARACHI CENTRE	KIRITI CENTRE	WANDETO SHOPPING CENTRE	8AM-5PM
15/10/2021	FRIDAY	NG'ARACHI CENTRE	KIRITI CENTRE	MAILI SABA SHOPPING CENTRE	8AM-5PM
16/10/2021	SATURDAY	KIRIMA JUNCTION CENTRE	GATUNDIA SHOPPING CENTRE	MAILI SABA SHOPPING CENTRE	8AM-5PM
17/10/2021	SUNDAY	KIRIMA JUNCTION CENTRE	GATUNDIA SHOPPING CENTRE	OLIABET SHOPPING CENTRE	8AM-5PM

OL MORAN

DATE	DAY	KIT 1	KIT 2	KIT 3	TIME
11/10/2021	MONDAY	OLMORAN TRADING CENTRE	MAHIGA PRIMARY	DICOM NURSERY	8AM-5PM
12/10/2021	TUESDAY	OLMORAN TRADING CENTRE	MAHIGA PRIMARY	DICOM NURSERY	8AM-5PM
13/10/2021	WEDNESDAY	OLMORAN TRADING CENTRE	MAHIGA PRIMARY	DICOM NURSERY	8AM-5PM
14/10/2021	THURSDAY	OLMORAN TRADING CENTRE	MAHIGA PRIMARY	DICOM NURSERY	8AM-5PM
15/10/2021	FRIDAY	OLMORAN TRADING CENTRE	MAHIGA PRIMARY	DICOM NURSERY	8AM-5PM
16/10/2021	SATURDAY	OLMORAN TRADING CENTRE	MAHIGA PRIMARY	DICOM NURSERY	8AM-5PM
17/10/2021	SUNDAY	OLMORAN TRADING CENTRE	MAHIGA PRIMARY	DICOM NURSERY	8AM-5PM

You only need an original copy of your national ID or a valid Kenyan passport in order to register

TIGITHI

DATE	DATE	KIT 1 VENUE	KIT 2 VENUE	KIT 3 VENUE	TIME
04/10/2021	MONDAY	THARUA PRY-NGARE NYIRO CENTER	SOLIO SOCIAL HALL	MATANYA CENTER	8AM-5PM
05/10/2021	TUESDAY	RIACHUI PRY-PUB TRADING CENTER	BARAKA DEB SOLIO WATER TANK	MATANYA CENTER	8AM-5PM
06/10/2021	WEDNESDAY	MALE PRY-MALE CENTER	BARAKA DEB SOLIO WATER TANK	CHUMA CENTER	8AM-5PM
07/10/2021	THURSDAY	MALE PRY SCH-MALE CENTER	BAHATI DEB SOLIO CHIEFS OFFICE	THOME CENTER	8AM-5PM
08/10/2021	FRIDAY	MALE PRY SCH-MALE CENTER	BAHATI DEB SOLIO PRY CHIEFS OFFICE	WERUINI PRIMARY SCHOOL	8AM-5PM
09/10/2021	SATURDAY	KIHATO PRY SCH-KIHATO DISPENSARY	BAHATI DEB SOLIO PRY CHIEFS OFFICE	KAMANGURA NURSERY	8AM-5PM
10/10/2021	SUNDAY	THARUA PRY-NGARE NYIRO CENTER	SOLIO SOCIAL HALL	MATANYA CENTER	8AM-5PM

LAIKIPIA NORTH CONSTITUENCY

7 DAYS BVR KITS MOVEMENT SCHEDULE

SOSIAN

KIT NUMBER 1

DAYS	DATES	VENUE
MONDAY - FRIDAY	4 - 8/10/2021	POSTA TRADING CENTRE
SATURDAY - SUNDAY	9 - 10/10/2021	LONYIEK TRADING CENTRE

KIT NUMBER 2

DAYS	DATES	VENUE
MONDAY	2021/4/10	MIT HURI PRIMARY
TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY	5 - 6/10/2021	OLMORAN PRIMARY
THURSDAY - SATURDAY	7 - 9/10/2021	GITHIMA PRIMARY
SUNDAY	2021/10/10	OLMORAN PRIMARY

KIT NUMBER 3

DAYS	DATES	VENUE
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY	4 - 6/10/2021	MAUNDU MERI TRADING CENTRE
THURSDAY - SUNDAY	7 - 10/10/2021	KANDUTURA, RUMURUT I

SEGERA

KIT NUMBER 1

DAYS	DATES	VENUE
MONDAY	2021/4/10	NAIBOR TRADING CENTRE
TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY	5 - 6/10/2021	OLGIRGIR TRADING CENTRE
THURSDAY - FRIDAY	7 - 8/10/2021	RETE TI PRIMARY
SATURDAY - SUNDAY	9 - 10/10/2021	NAIBOR TRADING CENTRE

KIT NUMBER 2

DAYS	DATES	VENUE
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY	4 - 6/10/2021	UASONYIRO TRADING CENTRE
THURSDAY - FRIDAY	7 - 8/10/2021	KISARGEI VILLAGE
SATURDAY - SUNDAY	9 - 10/10/2021	SEGERA MAIN GATE

KIT NUMBER 3

DAYS	DATES	VENUE
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY	4 - 6/10/2021	JUAKALI TRADING CENTRE
THURSDAY - FRIDAY	7 - 8/10/2021	LAILAGWAN PRIMARY
SATURDAY - SUNDAY	9 - 10/10/2021	MURAMATI TRADING CENTRE

MUKOGODO WEST

KIT NUMBER 1

DAYS	DATES	VENUE
MONDAY - SUNDAY	4 - 10/10/2021	EWASO TRADING CENTRE

KIT NUMBER 2

DAYS	DATES	VENUE
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY	4 - 6/10/2021	PICHA NURSERY
THURSDAY - SATURDAY	7 - 9/10/2021	SOIT OUDO PRIMARY
SUNDAY	2021/10/10	KURUM PRIMARY

KIT NUMBER 3

DAYS	DATES	VENUE
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY	4 - 6/10/2021	KIMANJO TRADING CENTRE
THURSDAY - SUNDAY	7 - 10/10/2021	ILPOLEI TRADING CENTRE

MUKOGODO EAST

KIT NUMBER 1

DAYS	DATES	VENUE
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY	4 - 6/10/2021	KIWANJA NDEGE TRADING CENTRE
THURSDAY - SUNDAY	7 - 10/10/2021	KATONGA NURSERY

KIT NUMBER 2

DAYS	DATES	VENUE
MONDAY - THURSDAY	4 - 7/10/2021	LOKUSERO PRIMARY
FRIDAY - SUNDAY	8 - 10/10/2021	SIEKU PRIMARY

KIT NUMBER 3

DAYS	DATES	VENUE
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY	4 - 6/10/2021	NGENIA PRIMARY
THURSDAY - SUNDAY	7 - 10/10/2021	MIA MOJA TRADING CENTRE

What is Happening.....



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Progress of Ol Moran Police division construction. The building will include Kirima subcounty OCPD offices, Ol Moran OCS, among others

Leasing Has Enabled Us Lower Cost of Road Construction

You are associated with the improvement of road infrastructure under Laikipia Leasing Programme since its inception in September 2019, how better is the concept compared to the traditional way of contracting?

In a contract you are fixed. Let's say we are constructing a road and it is 1km, with the cost range of 2-3 million depending on the nature of the road, you cannot tell a contractor to push a further 200m to join another road. If it is a road from X-Y, it cannot be X-Y-Z.

The benefit is that we have been able to lower the cost of road construction. Under the leasing programme, we are doing a kilometre at the cost of 750,000 compared to Ksh1.2 million per graveled kilometres under contract.

What the leasing programme is doing is creating that connectivity with ease making sure that we can connect a road using short links and do it very fast with turn around being 5-6 days.

If the same road is done through contracting, we first have to go through the procurement process starting from budget cycle, approval of the assembly, preparing bills of quantity and tendering process which takes almost a month to get it done.

The leasing programme solves shorten the process as we only need to sit down to consult the ward administrators and engage the MCAs to state the roads they want done in their areas. Once they do that, we immediately begin the construction.

There have been claims that the programme has taken away road rehabilitation works from local contractors. What's your take?

It is not true. The road network in Laikipia is 7,000kms and even if we were to apply these kilometres to leasing programme, we will take a long time to construct them.

The leasing programme mostly focuses on rural roads. There are many roads that are under construction within our urban centres and they are all being done by contractors. This financial year was for paying pending bills, I believe as we move to the next financial year, we bring on board those contractors who previously worked on rural roads and move together in constructing rural roads.

What can you say are the achievements, so far, of the equipment leasing program in improving road network in the county?

The County Government is able respond fast to needs and serve its citizens because of the programme. We witnessed this in Ol-moran during insecurity time. We were able to address this by getting some critical security roads fixed. If we were to go through the contract route, it means the process would have been protracted.

Within the programme we are also bale to do Public-Private Partnership (PPP). In a scenario where we partnered with Ol pejeta Conservancy to form a brigade to construct a road.

Today, we have over 50 people who have benefited from water pans to do irrigation. This is not possible without leasing programme, as we save cost on gravel, we are leaving people with water pans.

What's the goal of the smart towns initiative and what the progress so far?

To improve business environment which will boost investment and the current working condition of the towns. We are focusing on upgrading and improving our infrastructure to have efficient drainages that are working, street lighting and to ensure there is green space areas creating business friendly towns.

Smart town aim to achieve efficiency of movement, improve the aesthetics of the towns

while linking the roads to the market.

After completion of Wiyumiririe phase I project, small supermarkets are coming up. That is the spirit of smart town- for enterprise development.

So far, we have done several smart towns such as Wiyumiririe phase I, Nanyuki, Nyahururu and Oljabet. Nanyuki and Nyahururu are in this category since they were not previously smart town and we are making them smart and Oljabet is ongoing. With the approval of the infrastructure bond, we shall be rolling out the 10 smart towns.

How are you involving the youth in these two projects?

There have been deliberate efforts to engage the youths in the projects by giving the jobs. In Oljabet Smart town project, we have given over 500 jobs which is about 90% of job we are doing to local young people. We are also involving them in projects that will favors them.

How many Kms of roads have you upgraded in rural Laikipia?

How does your department ensure high quality work either by contractors and or under the leasing program?

The direct benefit of quality the gravel we are putting on our roads is slightly higher and better than what the contractors are doing. Through leasing programme, we are widening the roads and putting right amount of gravel to maintain the proper thickness of the gravel so that roads can last longer.

There has been emphasis on the drainage to ensure the roads are not damaged during rainy season.

We had enough capacity with sufficient equipment developed over time to respond to the needs to deploy in large areas. We worked on the three wards concurrently. We had enough capacity developed over time to respond to the needs to deploy.

We are also involving contractors on training them on bidding process. To date we have



Eng. Duncan Mwangi, Chief Officer Infrastructure

trained more than 250 contractors. It is now a requirement that whatever job we advertise, when you come for a Prebid, one has to go through mandatory training on standards

What is the role of your department in realization of the manufacturing agenda?

As manufacturing is a very keen sector for this government, since the department is mostly involved in construction.

We have one entrepreneur who is making cabro by recycling waste. The department has had a discussion with him on improving its standard and getting certification from KEBS to give a go ahead for mass production.

As a department, we are encouraging the use of locally-made construction products within our construction. Right now, the contractors who are working on our projects we encourage them to buy products within Laikipia.

We are working on ensuring advertisement boards on streetlight posts are fabricated within Laikipia.

Where do you Laikipia in the next three years in terms communication and infrastructure development?

I see Laikipia becoming an attractive investment destination as we continuously roll out programmes such as Leasing, very soon most of our rural areas will be connected. There are as that people cannot be able to access to farm at the moment, will be opened up.

We will have very attractive urban centres as right infrastructure will be in place. I am looking forward when people we say, "I do not need to open business in Nyahururu as I can open it in Oljabet and bring business in the town while still making returns".

We are bringing development into the interior areas and it will no longer be concentrated in Nanyuki, Nyahururu or Rumuruti. Small towns will become business hub for SMEs as infrastructure will be right in term of smart town.

In Ol Moran.....



Some youths emerged from bushes as Governor Ndiritu Muriithi inspected roads in Ol Moran. They told him they were keen to discuss and co-existence with Ol Moran communities



Burned Merigwit Classroom Repaired, KDF Building Two More



Well wishers who embarked on the reconstruction of a classroom at Merigwit primary school have completed the task. What is now remaining is fixing new solar panels on the roofs. The KDF is also construction two modern classrooms at the school to give the students a better learning environment. The county Government is also supporting the team with water and materials.



Courtesy Visit by SME Advisory Unit, Executive Office of the President



Group photograph following the elaborate discussions on how to support MSME's in Laikipia County

By Carol Chege

Laikipia County is pleased to collaborate with the National Government of Kenya to assist the MSME's in the County to become successful enterprises which will have a global impact and set a development standard for other MSME's across Africa.

On the 30th of September 2021, the County Government of Laikipia received a courtesy visit from the SME Advisory Unit, Executive Office of the President led by Ms. Noreen Nthiga, the Head of Program Management & Development. They were received by CECM Trade, Tourism, Co-operatives and Industrialization, Mr. Biwott Tirop, who engaged them together with members from Trade and Enterprise Development department in a meeting to discuss the Laikipia County's Enterprise Development Programs namely: Laikipia Innovation and Enterprise Development Program, the County Funds, and the Economic Stimulus Fund Program.

The main objective of the meeting was to deliberate on the efforts made to mitigate the impact of Covid -19, particularly in reference to access to finance, on the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Laikipia County. The conversations also highlighted the importance of the upcoming Enterprise Fund Policy which will focus on helping Kenya's MSME's to be-

come globally competitive in innovation, manufacturing, and enterprise development.

Some of the initiatives discussed in the meeting were as follows:

- Overview of the National Government Credit Guarantee Scheme.

- Lessons learnt in the implementation of the National Government Credit Guarantee Scheme.

- Identified gaps and areas of focus in Laikipia County's Enterprise Development Programs.

- Achieved milestones of the Laikipia Innovation and Enterprise Development Program.

- Achieved milestones of the Economic Stimulus Fund Program.

- Current progress of the County Funds: Enterprise Fund, Co-operative Revolving Fund and Stanbic Foundation's Unayo Program.

- Laikipia County's existing and potential manufacturing enterprises.

- Regulatory barriers which affect manufacturers in Laikipia County.

- Testimonials from members of Laikipia business community.

- Proposed partnerships between the National Government of Kenya and the County Government of Laikipia to support the growth of Micro, Small and Medium En-

terprises.

Following the meeting, Ms. Noreen Nthiga's team, was taken for a field visit to Nanyuki Old Market, as well as to the business premise of three manufacturing enterprises in the Laikipia Innovation and Enterprise Development Program: EM Naturals, Mbachu Juice and Pinna Drop. The team was very impressed with the growth and development of the enterprises, and they made purchases worth ten thousand Kenyan shillings from these businesses.

The SME Advisory team assured the enterprise development team of their unwavering support towards the continuous development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Laikipia County. They pledged to return to Laikipia to visit common manufacturing facilities in Laikipia West, Nyahururu, Marmanet, and Laikipia North. Ms. Nthiga recommended the establishment of a Business Registration Service Centre in Laikipia County, which would in effect be a one stop service center to support new and existing entrepreneurs.

Ms. Chege is the Senior Advisor, Enterprise Development, Executive Office of the Governor.

Kimmanjo Women Tapping Wealth from the Multi-billion Dollar Leather Industry



Last year, the global leather goods market was valued at Kshs 43.5 trillion (USD 394.12 billion). It is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 5.9 percent in the next seven years.

Aware of how lucrative this industry is, a group of 16 women in Laikipia North is now making baby steps towards exploiting opportunities in the leather industry.

Laikipia north is a bedrock of the country pastoralism. There are lots of cattle slaughtered every week. Such being the case, people making leather products are at an advantage of having raw material at their disposal. The 16 women operating under the banner Kimanjo Women Leather make good use of the hides to become economically independent by producing hand-made leather products. They specialize in making quality leather belts, hand bags, leather shoes, wallets among other products from the same material. The county government took them through several trainings to enable them to enable them gain the basic knowledge in tanning leather.

"Officers from Agriculture department trained the women on using materials like ash, lemon and wheat straw- the stalk left over after wheat grains are harvested- to do tanning," says Ms Rebecca Santa, the assistant of chief, Tura sub-location and chairperson of the group.

Profits derived from the sale of the leather products has improved the lives of individual



group members economically.

One plain leather belt goes for Ksh. 400, while the one cladded with beads may cost up to Ksh 1,500.

"We have opened an account where we keep the money from the sales. We withdraw some of the money once a year and disburse it to members as loans for individual advancement," says the official.

The group gives out loans payable after three months at an interest rate of 10 per cent, which is way below market rates.

Kimmanjo Women Leather's main market is from the locals. They sell at Kimanjo Market which operates fortnightly.

Mass Production

However, the group is confident that they will soon engage in mass production and expand their market.

"The livestock market that Governor Ndiritu Muriithi opened in Kimanjo came as a relief to our struggles. We are now able to produce



quality products with ease out much struggles as before," she commented the group head.

The group which is registered is among over 1,500 MSMEs that the county government is handholding under the Laikipia Innovation and Enterprise Development Programme (LIEDP) to upscale their production.

The county's strategy is to grow the county GDP from about Kshs 100 billion to Kshs 400 within the medium term by among other area steering a minimum of 5,000 Laikipia SMEs towards production and manufacturing to create more jobs and higher incomes.

About 200 members of staff have been purposed to support the SMEs through various aspects of business with the aim of increasing their productivity.

In partnership with several financial institution, the county government has also created a Kshs 3.3 billion economic stimulus fund, aimed at cushioning businesses against the effects of Covid-19 pandemic.

Why Governor Ndiritu Muriithi Chose Golf Proceeds to go Towards Construction of Il Motiok Secondary

When some Laikipia golfers thought of organizing a golf in honour of Governor Ndiritu Muriithi, their idea was for the proceeds to go towards his re-election campaign.

But Governor Muriithi overruled them.

“He said the proceeds from the golf should go towards the construction of Il Motiok Secondary school,” Mr Francis Mathenge told a gathering after a golf tournament at Nyahururu Sports Club. Construction of Il Motiok secondary school in Laikipia North need Kshs 12 million. The golf tournament in Nanyuki raised Kshs 8.5 million.

Governor Muriithi explained that he opted for the proceeds of the tournament to go towards helping Laikipia North children because it is education that will bridge the inequalities. “There will never be equality when 75 percent of persons aged three years and above in the neighbouring Tiaty sub county have never been to a formal school according to the 2019 Census data. “Laikipia North is slightly higher with 56 percent.” In Il motiok walk long distances in search of knowledge. The Governor also narrated how he had to push the Ministry of Education to register the first secondary in the expansive Luoniek Location last year.

The previous year he had also pushed for the registration of the location’s three primary schools. According to the Governor, it is only through education that the country will be able to surmount the challenges of inequalities in employment and other economic spheres. He gave the example of Laikipia North University students who totaled 89 against almost 2,000 in Igwamiti ward.

“this clearly tells you what will happen when there are some job openings in future,” he said.



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