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vices centre in the neighborhood, patients in Nyahururu and the surrounding can only expect better outcomes as a result of reduced travel expenses and excellent services closer home. This investment solves the issue of long travels that sometimes impede response to management.

The introduction of an additional renal services centre is a boost to Laikipia Health Services' quest to avail a broader range of specialist treatment closer to the people. Planned expansion of LHS Nanyuki's renal unit is part of the bigger plan to accommodate current and future needs for the county and the region.

By Esther Muthoni

Laikipia Health Service Nyahururu has stepped up efforts to provide renal dialysis services to the patients within its catchment following the acquisition of 10 units for the same.

The development is a reprieve to scores of patients who for long have had to make the costly commutes to LHS Nanyuki and other far-flung facilities for the critical service that has two sessions weekly.

Last week, LHS Nyahururu received the consignment of equipment, with the installation currently ongoing that will see the facility start dialysis services from

July this year.

The availability of three renal nurses from its pool gives the hospital the much-needed impetus, saving it the need to hire such staff to start operations.

With the availing of the renal ser-



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Governor Ndiritu Muriithi assents the Laikipia County Revenue Administration Act, 2021

By Muriithi John

Laikipia County Governor Ndiritu Muriithi on Friday, June 8, 2022 signed into law a bill that allows tax payers in the County to appeal in case they feel the tax is too high or unjustified.

The new Act, *The Laikipia County Revenue Administration Act, 2021*, is one of a kind to be passed by a county government and assented into law by the county head.

"This is the first time we are bringing the totality of the taxation in one Act and thus helping the taxpayers find all the provision of taxation in a single Act,"

said the Governor during the signing of the bill into law.

Clause 88 of the Act, Notice of Objection, provides that: where a person considers that he is not liable to taxation under a revenue law or disputes liability for the amount assessed against him or her, he or she may, within fourteen days of the date of service or mailing of the notice of assessment serve on the Board a notice of objection setting out the reasons for the objection and all the relevant facts.

Clauses 90 and 91 state that the Board shall, within 30 days of receipt of the notice of objection, reconsider the assessment or esti-

mate and vacate, confirm or vary it, and he or she shall thereupon notify the objector of his or her decision by registered mail or other means and channels that have been approved and prescribed by the Laws of Kenya with respect to service.

However, if the taxpayer is not satisfied by the Board's decision, he or she may, within thirty days from the date of mailing of the decision, appeal to the High Court.

"The new Act will simplify the Annual Finance Bill because the provisions will not have to be repeated in each finance act," said Governor Muriithi.

"It is part of our continued efforts to grow our Own Source Revenue in order to provide a high-quality service to the people of Laikipia, while allowing them exercise their democratic rights," he added.

The Act also states that parking fees shall be payable every day except on Sundays, Public Holidays and after 2.00 pm on Saturdays.

It also addresses matters tax waivers, order in markets, tax incentives and relieves, among others.

Kazi Mtaani to Benefit About 7,000 Laikipia Youths

A total of 6,800 young people in Laikipia County have been hired to get their income from the third phase of Kazi Mtaani.

The engagement that goes for a period of three months will see the workers get a daily wage of Ksh. 450 while their supervisors will cash in Ksh. 505 on a daily basis.

The programme is timely when the economic hardships are felt and has hard-hit the jobless.

The workers will undertake various duties including renovation of public places, bush clearing,



Young people turn up for Phase III Kazi Mtaani Programme at Sipili Stadium

tree planting, opening of roads, unclogging drainages and culverts, fencing, land scaping and beautification among other duties assigned.

According to the County Commis-

sioner Joseph Kanyiri, some of the skills the young people will acquire while doing the work will help them in securing jobs in the future.

“By engaging the youths in re-painting buildings, it will be an avenue for them to gain useful skills that can assist them to earn income in life,” he said during the official launch of the programme at Central Park in Nanyuki town.

The commissioner also urged heads of public institutions in the county to take part in the beautification of Laikipia.

“We are asking public institutions like schools to purchase paints and we shall provide them with free labour.”



Dol Dol Smart Towns Realization Taking Shape

The county Government of Laikipia has committed part of the Infrastructure Bond money to construction of 11 smart towns, one of them being Dol dol in Mukogondo West.

The aim is to revamp the town to a business hub that investors will be fighting for space because of increased production and standard of living.

The contractor, the National Youth Service, is already on site after the county government and the Service signed a contract on April 14, 2022 for commencement of work.

Equipment mobilization has already started to enable the contractor complete the work in



Machinery ready at Dol Dol centre to help in upgrading the town

eight months.

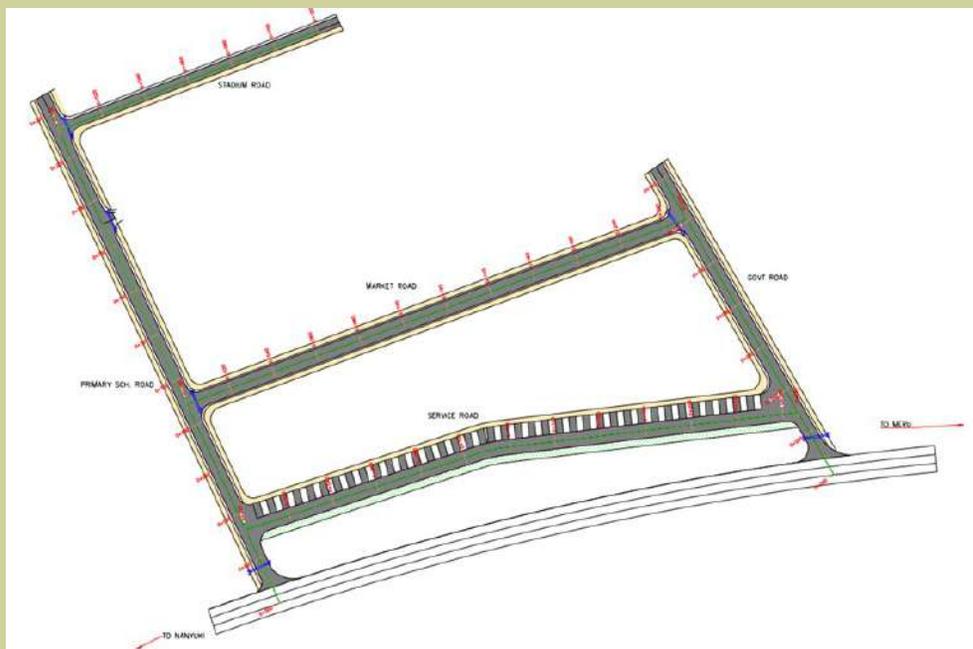
The work will involve upgrade of roads to bituminous standard that includes a 1.38 Km of Asphalt paved roads around Doldol Town Centre, complete with vehicle parkings.

There will also be side drains on

all asphalt paved roads complete with storm drain structures. A dedicated Reinforced Concrete drain structure draining into existing river course will also take shape.

A total of 46 Stand-alone Street lamps to light up Doldol town will be erected to make traders conduct their businesses 24/7. This will also increase the security of the region.

The Dol Dol smart town plan was informed by stakeholders meetings, including conducting public participation with the community and the town traders. As a consequence, the project has been owned by the residents and terms it as " a major reap" for the town, Up North.



The Laikipia Desert Locust Resilience Program



By Ian sawe,

The County Government of Laikipia in collaboration with non-governmental organisations such as the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation is aiding local farmers to deal with agricultural crisis such as locust pest and disease control. The menace forms a major threat to food crop sustainability and production.

The Amaya Triangle Initiative (ATI) Director Virginia Nyaguthii together with the officers from Department of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries in Laikipia County have been distributing seeds to farmers for planting to cushion them from the invasion and destruction of their previous harvests by Locusts and other pests. It is part of boosting the

county's' agro-reliability amongst citizens of Laikipia county.

The agricultural resilience program inculcates mobilisation of all available resources to support local farmers in all corners of Laikipia county like Ngenia, Ngobit, Magutu, Nyahururu, Rumuruti with more localities being accommodated in the program. This has been actualised through the supply of different vital farming necessities such as fertilisers, food-crop seeds and kitchen gardening activities.

Amaya Triangle brings together Laikipia, Baringo, Samburu and Isiolo counties, with the aim of adopting a sustainable policy approach towards addressing the common development challenges. These include insecurity, resource conflicts, food insecurity, environmental issues, drought emergen-

cies, natural resource management and livelihoods among others.

The county's Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, numerous efforts have been put into enabling a successful thriving of agricultural facilitation via providing local farmers with adequate agricultural extension services, education and sensitization.

Boosting agricultural production within Laikipia county has been a topical concern and a key mission to promote economic sustainability as well as to increase food security for the citizenry.

Part of the resilience programme includes efforts to look into human-wildlife conflicts and environmental conservation practices to gear eradication of setbacks brought about by environmental pollution and increased human wildlife conflict.

Cash crop farming, being a key tool for economic development as an agricultural practice, is also being boosted and has seen the rise of gillanium crop grown in various average in parts of Laikipia North.

"It is a new, marketable and profitable crop which is not financially or labour intensive and does not suffer pest or disease infection as well as consumption by domestic and wild animals," said the agricultural extension officers present.

World Environment Day Celebrations

By Mollin Wanjiru

In Commemoration of World Environment Day, celebrated on the 5th day of June every year, the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries led by the County Land Development and Environment Officer Madam Winnie Gathoni and Mr. Moses Njagi Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture (KSCAP) Officer joined other stakeholders in this year's celebrations at Lechugu Secondary School in Tigithi Ward, Laikipia East.

We have “only One Earth”, was the slogan for this Year's World Environment Day celebrations and so “together we can protect it”. The world has faced so many problems such as climate change, loss of biodiversity, increase in carbon emissions and increase in non-biodegradable wastage.

“The main aim of celebrating the



day was to create awareness and action for the protection of the environment. Motivating the young generation will bring hope in creating a better tomorrow. The students can start planting trees and become aware of how important protecting the environment is. They will also plant and protect trees in their homes,” said Madam Gathoni.

The department donated over 500 assorted tree seedlings to Lechugu

Secondary school through Kenya forestry service and later participated in a tree planting activity of over 1500 tree seedlings.

The students who were amazed at how planting trees in Lechugu has changed the environment by blocking wind in an area that was degraded, pledged to at least be planting and protecting trees as this will change the atmosphere and environment in their schools.

The students were taught the skills of planting and protecting the trees. It is not only about planting trees but also nurturing them for growth.

Father Peterson Wanjau Director Caritas Nyeri who was the coordinator of the event urged all the participants to at least plant five trees every year.

The event was led by the NEMA in partnership with Caritas Nyeri. Other organizations such as KENGEN, KERRS also took part in making the event a success.



Karuga Town Transformation via Infrastructure Bond

