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Investors set to reap big from up-coming infrastructure bond

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Agriculture Department partners with various stakeholders to better agriculture in the county

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Different women groups benefit with assorted Maize seeds and goats for economic empowerment

Nanyuki-Rumuruti Power Grid Completion 1Yr Away



The only bit remaining for the completion of the power grid is the underground 16.8 km around Nanyuki Air base. However, the contractor is on site and will have completed by May 31st 2023.

Nurses Week 2022: Reflections of a Critical Care Nurse on COVID-19 Pandemic



*Eugenia Ntuara,
Critical Care
Nurse at LHS
Nanyuki*

By David Serem

Just months after we came out of the throes of COVID-19, the world seems to have moved on, with every precaution and care we conducted ourselves in previously thrown out of the window—at least that is what seems to be the case going by the observation on members of the public in Laikipia.

Last Friday was the last day of the International Nurses Week, an annual period set aside to celebrate nurses. We speak to Eugenia Ntuara, one of our Critical Care Nurses at LHS Nanyuki on what her experience was like, and the lessons drawn from the COVID-19 pandemic.

First, are we really out of the woods yet. Can we really celebrate?

Yes and no. Yes, because we have

been through the worst experience I could have imagined. No because the disease is still there, as much as it is a low peak thanks of course to the vaccination and natural immunity that has built up over time in the communities.

What lessons can we draw from our experience?

Preparedness. Luckily for us, we had at least three critical cares among us then, and two others who had the experience of managing such an environment, having been privileged to experience Ebola epidemics in West Africa. Honestly speaking, this put us ahead of the pack in our response to the pandemic.

Did the pandemic show us how vulnerable humanity is?

Definitely! One moment we are doing fine, next thing you know, the world is whipped into some

frenzy, scrambling to assemble mechanisms to save itself from complete destruction. We live by the grace of God!

There are still people who believe the whole pandemic thing is a hoax...

That is not a wise line of thinking! Some things you have to experience yourself to understand. You stand to dozens of patients gasping for oxygen and you understand what all this means.

What kept you going? Did you at one point felt like you will call it quits?

Prayer every day! Spiritual support, peer talk, you let it out and you get something to start out every day.

And there are emotional scars left no doubt? How do you deal them?

No doubt there are. You know the public thinks we are naturally built to handle anything that comes our way, which is not the case.

Ooh the recovery. And I meet some of my patients in the streets who say thank you for the service, that is enough for me.

Which makes Continuous Medical Education a significant thing, right?

Absolutely. Medicine is such a dynamic field. You need to be constantly updated and luckily for us, our CMEs have given us an edge on the current practices across the diverse fields of medicine.

132kV Nanyuki – Rumuruti Grid Project to be Complete in 1 Year

By Muriithi John

The much awaited adequate and reliable power in Rumurutu town and surrounding environment has started taking shape after work on the remaining 16.8km underground cable kicked off.

Already the overhead transmission line stretching 62 km is complete. This happened on November last year. Also complete are the Nanyuki and Rumuruti substations.

The completion of the underground Cable section and energization of both substations within is expected to be finalized by end of May 2023. The design work has already begun after the signing of contract in March 2022.

According to the Director, Mining and Natural Resources Chris Kimanga, the reasons why the project has taken long to complete is because it was not anticipated there will be anywhere the contractor would install underground cables. However, because of security reasons, the area around Laikipia Airbase necessitated the underground cable installation.

“In the initial contract, KETRACO was to do just the overhead cables but because of the security issues



A past energy stakeholder's meeting in Nanyuki chaired by Governor Ndiritu Muriithi

the working for the underground cables brought the delays,” said Mr. Kimanga.

The director says that sourcing for another contractor to do the work also took time, hence more delays.

Once the underground line will be in place, there will be a complete grid from Nanyuki to Rumuruti. This is good news as the government has already set the Special Economic Zone (EPZ) in Rumuruti.

Investors are expected to flock in the region following reliable source of energy. Reliable source of energy plays a vital role in ensuring success or established business and those in their early stages.

Further, Kenergy is on a 40MW solar project that will provide electricity at a cheap rate of 8

USDc/kWh. Therefore, the investors will have confidence in having affordable and reliable source of energy.

The County Government of Laikipia has started the Electricity Rebate Program that sees local manufacturers get a refund of 30 per cent on their monthly energy bills, up to Ksh. 100,000 and a 50 percent refund on annual bills with a cap of 50,000.

The devolved unit is promoting local manufacturers to make Laikipia a manufacturing hub. This is being done through such efforts like development of market centres into Smart Towns, handholding local SMEs, partnering with local banks to provide subsidized loans at 7.5 per cent, among others.

From Market Centres to Towns: Focus on Upcoming Smart Towns by Investors



By Muriithi John

Commencement of development of four Smart Towns are expected to be realized in less than two months' time following the announcement of the County Government of Laikipia for bidders. These towns to be developed are Pesi, Wiyumiririe, Nyahururu and Naibor.

Recently, contractors signed an agreement to commence construction of Dol dol and Karuga smart towns. Local contractors have been awarded tenders to do Matanya, Kinamba, Kalalu, and Nanyuki towns.

These upcoming smart towns will provide more job opportunities to the locals as the contrac-

tors are directed to utilize the local human resource, unless in the specialized expertise that may be sourced from other counties.

Laikipia County has set the development bar high for other devolved units on matters sources of funds to actualize growth. This is through the Infrastructure Bond that has so far been approved by Laikipia citizens, county assembly, cabinet at the county level, and the national cabinet.

The county government is hopeful that this financial year's own source revenue will hit the Ksh. 1bn target; it will be the highest ever attained in the county. On the other hand, the projects that require implementation surpass the county budget by far, thus necessi-

tating an alternative way to finance them. The infrastructure bond has Ksh. 1.16billion purposely for 17 projects across the county.

Land value in the areas to be improved are expected to go up. Therefore, the best time to acquire a piece of land in these prime areas is now- when it is affordable.

Locals from the said areas should expect their economic levels to shoot as more people buy, rent or lease their properties for economic purposes. Rental houses, for instance, will have more demand because of many people visiting the new towns.

In Efforts to Revamp Agriculture in Laikipia



Agriculture officers from various stakeholder groups visiting a farm in Laikipia on matters bettering agriculture in the county

By Mollin Wanjiru

Agriculture is the main source of livelihood for the majority of people living in Laikipia according to the Laikipia County Statistical Abstract 2021. Farming is key to solving major challenges of feeding a growing population, creating wealth, reducing poverty and managing the degradation of natural resources in the county.

The sector has been doing poorly in the County and Country in the past years due to various challenges associated with the adverse climate change which is a major threat to food security and poverty eradication

“Most farmers in Laikipia are

small holder farmers without the basic agricultural inputs, lack of knowledge on modern technology and financial support,” said Agriculture CEC Wangari Wachira.

The Food Agricultural Organization through the United Nations in partnership with the County Department of Agriculture are working together to economically empower farmers through climate Smart Agricultural practices; the farmers will later be trained on proposal writing and more than 15 groups will be selected and funded with not less than Ksh 20,0000 each.

The County Agricultural extension officers have been training different farmer groups in three wards (Mukogondo East, Umande

and Tigithi). Over 50 local chicken brooders have been constructed for individual farmers having recruited over 23 farmer groups. Seven groups have already adopted the technology. The department has also helped procure pasture seeds for farmers in Mukogodo East. One Group in the same ward is practicing geranium farming on contract.

This project mainly focuses at enhancing the capacity of vulnerable communities, with special focus on women, youth and the disabled to adapt to climate change through a variety of Climate Smart Agriculture practices. The project aims at enabling the individual farmer groups increase their agricultural production and income generation that will be reflected in their household nutrition status but also significantly reduce poverty. All these efforts will stabilize the agricultural and pastoral landscape thus enhancing range land and water resource conservation and management.

FAO in partnership with the Department aims at funding over 10 farmer groups to venture into modern farming activities from various value chains, the major one being indigenous chicken. Other value chains are Improved Indigenous chicken Bee keeping, Dairy goat, Sheep (Dorper), Irish potatoes production, Bean production.

Different Women Groups Gifted Assorted Maize Seeds, Goats



First Lady Maria Mbeneka gives out goats and assorted maize seeds to various women groups in Laikipia County last week

In a bid to promote diversity and food security in Laikipia County, the First Lady Maria Mbeneka, on May 13 2022, distributed assorted maize seeds to women groups in Karuga in Laikipia West. Joining her was the CEC Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries Wangari Wachira.

These women leaders in the County Government of Laikipia distributed three different types of maize seeds that will do well in the area. This comes at an opportune time when the period of short rain is in place. The seeds take about three months to mature which goes well with this rainy season.

“I encourage farmers to diversify

agriculture and take advantage of the readily available market,” Mbeneka said.

The different kinds of maize will help the farmers in having different kinds of maize products

which will increase their market.

Other nine women groups from Salama, Olmoran, and Rururuti wards benefitted with 50 goats in an aim of starting and growing sustainable enterprises.



Rumkandu: A Dream of Owning Land and Decent homes

Laikipia County Deputy Governor John Mwaniki addressing members of Rumkandu Society.

Inset: David Koskei, the group Chairperson



Kariuki Wangeci, one of our Communication Officers, met with the Chairman of Rumkandu Housing Cooperative David Koskei, to understand what the Society is about;

Who and what is Rumkandu?

This is a diversified group of over 350 members, a blend of six communities in the cosmopolitan town of Rumuruti.

When did the group start?

In mid-2018.

Blend of communities?

Yes. We got Kalenjins, Somalis, Samburus, Turkanas, Maasais, and Kikuyus.

What was the motivation of the group?

We are all from humble backgrounds. Most of our members are drawn from pastoral communities. We needed to reduce over-dependency to pastoralism.

Objective?

At the top of all, the urge to

transform our lives, owning land, and building decent houses for our members, tops our objectives.

Why the shift from pastoralism?

Land is now scarce for livestock and rain seasons have become unpredictable. As a consequence, our economy dwindles. So, we need our wives in other economic activities, and our children in school. That can only happen when we are settled permanently, in decent homes.

How much has the society been able to raise?

Over four million Kenya Shillings.

It has been three and half years, highlight two achievements.

I will give three. First, we got over four million in accounts. Second, we have identified land which will host over 350 members. Three, we have secured technology from Laikipia County's Housing, Lands and Roads Department – interlock-

ing block technology.

Inter-locking blocks?

Yes. We have a machine to make these blocks. County department of Housing has been capacity-building our members on how to make these blocks.

Impressive. What is remaining?

Surveying, titling, subdivision of the land, and balloting. Officially, the construction of our homes will start.

Who guides you in all these?

Our patron, Laikipia County, Deputy Governor, HE John Mwaniki. He started with us in 2018 and he attends all our meetings, guiding and motivating us. We are most grateful to him.

Lastly. What unites you all?

Appreciation that we are all one, humans first, second, Kenyans, united in fight against poverty and urge for better life.

Available opportunities in Laikipia County



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No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	NCA Registration Required	Eligibility	Bid Bond	Mandatory Pre-tender Site Visit Date/venue/Time
1.	LCG/CO6/INFRA/01/2021-2022/2023	IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTY ROADS IN TOWNS AND SMALL URBAN CENTRES IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY- PESI CENTRE	5 and above	open	Kshs. 1,451,622.00	18 th May, 2022
2.	LCG/CO6/INFRA/02/2021-2022/2023	IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTY ROADS IN TOWNS AND SMALL URBAN CENTRES IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY- NAIBOR CENTRE	5 and above	open	Kshs. 1,792,829.00	17 th May, 2022
3.	LCG/CO6/INFRA/03/2021-2022/2023	IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTY ROADS IN TOWNS AND SMALL URBAN CENTRES IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY- WIYUMIRIRIE CENTRE	5 and above	open	Kshs. 2,109,203.00	17 th May, 2022
4.	LCG/CO6/INFRA/06/2021-2022	IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTY ROADS IN TOWNS AND SMALL URBAN CENTRES IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY- NYAHURURU JUA KALI ROADS	5 and above	open	Kshs. 2,477,579.00	18 th May, 2022

Bidding documents with details can be obtained from Laikipia County Website www.laikipia.go.ke free of charge. Only bidders meeting criteria indicated in the bid document shall be considered for further evaluation. Fully completed tenders should be submitted to the tender box located at Laikipia County Headquarters in Nanyuki Town on or before 27th May, 2022 on or before 3:00 pm, in envelopes clearly marked;

The Head of Supply Chain Management
County Government of Laikipia
P. O. Box 1271 - 10400,
Nanyuki

N.B.

- Bidders attending site meetings scheduled for 17th May, 2022 shall assemble at Laikipia County Infrastructure Department Board Room in Nanyuki at 9:00am, while bidders attending site meetings scheduled for 18th May, 2022 shall assemble at Laikipia County Infrastructure offices in Nyahururu at 9:00am.
- Every Bidder attending site visit, shall be represented by at-least one technical Person with a minimum qualification of a Diploma in Civil/Highway Engineering. The Individual MUST Bring along the following:
 - Original ID/Passport and a Copy
 - Original Diploma/H. Dip./Degree Certificate and a Copy
 - Copy of Registration Certificate/ or proof of current subscription by EBK/KETRB
 - Original Introductory letter bearing the Company letterhead and an Official Stamp authorizing them to represent the company in the pre-tender site visit/Pre Tender Conference. The letter shall be duly signed. Photocopies or any other media shall not be accepted.

The copies of ID/Passport, Academic Certificate, Professional Registration certificate, and introductory letters shall be retained by the Procuring Entity's Team and may be verified later for authenticity.
- Only one (1) person shall only represent one (1) company per tender.
- Bidders shall sequentially serialize all pages of each tender submitted.

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2.	LCG/B33/INFRA/03/2021/2022/2023	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTY ROADS IN TOWNS AND SMALL URBAN CENTRES IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY- WIYUMIRIRIE CENTRE	open	Ksh. 100,000	20 th May, 2022
3.	LCG/B33/INFRA/2021/2022/2023	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTY ROADS IN TOWNS AND SMALL URBAN CENTRES IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY- NYAHURURU JUA KALI ROADS	open	Ksh. 100,000	20 th May, 2022

Bidding document with details can be obtained from Laikipia county website www.laikipia.go.ke free of charge. Bid Bonds should be submitted to the Head of Supply Management 2 days before the tender closing date. Please submit the bids on or before 3:00pm in envelopes clearly marked to;

The Head of Supply Chain Management
County Government of Laikipia
P. O. Box 1271 - 10400,
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The County Government of Laikipia invites interested and eligible tenderers for the tender as indicated below:

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1.	LCG/B33/INFRA/2022-2023	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTY ROADS IN TOWNS AND SMALL URBAN CENTRES IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY- DOL DOL CENTRE	open	Ksh. 100,000	22 nd May, 2022
2.	LCG/B33/INFRA/2022-2023	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTY ROADS IN TOWNS AND SMALL URBAN CENTRES IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY- MATANYA CENTRE	open	Ksh. 100,000	22 nd May, 2022
3.	LCG/B33/INFRA/2022-2023	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTY ROADS IN TOWNS AND SMALL URBAN CENTRES IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY- MOWARAK CENTRE	open	Ksh. 100,000	22 nd May, 2022

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The Head of Supply Chain Management
County Government of Laikipia
P. O. Box 1271 - 10400,
Nanyuki

The County Government of Laikipia has announced several opportunities for members of public to apply.

Kindly adhere to the set deadlines for considerations



COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OF LAIKIPIA

COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD
P.O. Box 52-20300
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EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCIES

Laikipia County Public Service Board invites applications from competent and qualified persons to fill the following vacant positions: -

- County Director Of Physical and Land Use Planning (Job Group CPSB 03)- One (1)
- Counsellor I (Job Group CPSB 09) - Two (2) posts
- Counsellor II (Job Group CPSB 10) - Three (3) posts
- Sign Language interpreter (Job Group CPSB 11)- Two (2) posts
- Fireman III (Job Group CPSB 15) - Fourteen (14) posts
- Rangers (Job Group CPSB 15)- Twenty (20)

For further details on job description and requirements for appointment, please visit the county website: www.laikipia.go.ke.

Applications complete with a detailed resume, a copy of the National Identity card, copies of academic/professional certificates, and other testimonials should be sent to:

The Secretary
Laikipia County Public Service Board
P.O. Box 52-20300
NYAHURURU

To be considered your application must be received on or before 27th May, 2022.

Note:

- Any communication from the County Public Service Board shall be through Cell phone No: 0715052052
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- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted by the Board.