



Laikipia

WEEKLY Bulletin

Residents Welcome New Nturukuma Maternity



Nturukuma Residents can now access full maternity services closer home, cutting the long distance to Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital.

This brings to 17 the number of dispensaries in Laikipia that have fully equipped maternity wards. This development falls in line with the government's commitment to strengthen lower level facilities in the implementation of the unique Laikipia UHC model. The completion of the Nturukuma maternity will decongest the Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital. The facility has a fully equipped labour ward, a three-bed post-natal ward, antenatal facility among other maternity service points. Additional medical staff will be posted to the facility as the county government plans to upgrade it to a health centre. The new maternity is constructed further off the road and offers the much-needed privacy that mothers had longed for. The county government is strengthening lower level health facilities across Laikipia to achieve a robust community health management with an efficient referral system. This will see the construction and equipping of these facilities with diagnostic equipment.

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Rumuruti Residents Take Part In Town Cleaning Exercise

In the spirit of taking the role of town cleanliness as a personal responsibility, residents of Rumuruti town came out in numbers to take part in a town clean-up exercise.

The exercise is part of change of tact on the approach to town cleanliness to involve the residents in efforts to get the public to own their towns and the role town dwellers have in maintaining cleanliness in their places of residence.

Rumuruti town, which was recently elevated to a municipality, is one of the towns currently undergoing a complete makeover under County's Smart Towns Initiative.

More towns across Laikipia are set for upgrade into modern urban centres conducive for work and living.





More Road Opened Up Under The Leased Equipment Program

The County Government of Laikipia has done more than 65 kilometres of rural roads across the county in three months. The project has been made possible through the utilization of the construction equipment procured under the leasing program.

The road project is set to rehabilitate over 3000 kilometers of existing and new road networks in the county. The roads rehabilitation program started in Salama and Olmoran wards in October 2019 and is expected to cover all the 15 wards of the county.

The project is set to open up the rural parts of the county at a much faster pace than it would be possible through ordinary private contracting. The accelerated roads upgrade is set to attract more investments as it addresses the barrier to trade and agricultural activities.

SKIN BIN WASTE MANAGEMENT

Laikipia County has stepped up efforts to make its urban centres clean, with the installation of skip bins in towns across the county. The modern refuse collection bin will be used for more effective refuse collection in our towns.

The project will see Nanyuki, Nyahururu, Doldol, Wiyumiririe, Rumuruti and other towns benefit from the modern refuse disposal bins.

A skip bin is a large portable refuse container that is placed and picked by a truck that then empties the garbage on dumping sites. This way, waste disposal is more mechanized thereby improving efficiency



Experts to meet at Laikipia mining conference



Experts in the mining industry are set to converge in Nanyuki at a conference on mining next month where the Laikipia Minerals Report 2020 is set to be launched.

The county government and the State Department of Mining will co-host the February 20th event where leading mining industry executives, local and international companies, county and national mining experts, bankers and funders will deliberate on governance, access and benefit-sharing, in addition to exploring mining environmental concerns in Laikipia and the country at large.

Laikipia Minerals Report 2020 following the conclusion of a mineral exploration survey that was commissioned in 2018. The participants will discuss the future of the local mining industry, sharing best practices for growth through sustainable operations, efficient and safe operations, and a reduced negative impact on the environment.

Health: Government trains Human Health Personnel on Rift Valley Fever



Laikipia, Samburu and Isiolo counties have put in place measures to counter any case of Rift Valley Fever following prolonged rains. Officers from the three counties were trained in the management of the disease in Nanyuki.

The five day training brought together human health and animal health personnel in a joint training within the concepts of One Health which is a working partnership to promote multi-sectoral responses to food safety hazards, and how to reduce the threats of diseases risks from zoonotic diseases.

Laikipia teams with neighbouring counties to battle invading locusts

For close to a month now, the counties of Laikipia, Samburu, Meru, and Isiolo in cooperation with the private farms, ranches and conservation organizations have mobilized resources and personnel in a joint effort to counter the advance of the destructive pests into the regions agricultural and pasture lands.

The cooperation has extended further beyond the region as the locusts have been swarming in across the border from the neighbouring countries.

This happens amid concerns of food insecurity from the pests mounts

The training was made possible through the Zoonotic Disease Unit (ZDU) – a Collaborative Unit between the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Livestock and Agriculture to combat zoonotic diseases.

Zoonotic diseases are diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans and efforts by just one sector cannot prevent or eliminate the problem. This diseases account for over 60% of all human infections.

Rift Valley Fever is known to occur after unusually long rains that cause flooding leading to an increase in the number of mosquitoes as has been the case in the region the past few months. The mosquitoes infect animals and the infection is transmitted to humans through the handling of animal tissue during animal handling such as slaughtering, butchering, animal births among other ways.

Herders, farmers, slaughterhouse workers and veterinarians are at a high risk of infection.



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Photo Speak



Governor Ndiritu Muriithi and other leaders inspect the progress of Sipili smart town upgrade



A newly-tarmac street in Sipili town



A street in Rumuruti town undergoing paving with cobble-stone paving



Residents of Rumuruti town take part in a cleaning exercise



Governor Ndiritu Muriithi listens as members of the public make their contributions at public participation forum in Sipili