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Hope after the Storm



Scores of hopeful families started rebuilding their razed homes in Ol Moran in the backdrop of intensified operation by security teams to flush out outlaws that were causing mayhem.

The past week witnessed a flurry of activities that included top-level interventions that should bring a lasting calm to the region.

The Government-assisted reconstruction of the destroyed homes started on Saturday as the affected families refocused more on rebuilding their lives. There were expectations that closed schools will reopen.

A total of 1,198 households were supported with food. These included 963 households at Ol Moran who were given rice, cabbages, and maize flour and 235 households at Survey who were given Maize, beans, potatoes, bar soap and salt.

While thanking the well-wishers for their continued support of the affected families, the government is encouraging the well-wishers to channel

their support and relief efforts through the Kenya Red Cross of the County Government of Laikipia, for better coordination since the area is a security operation zone.

Internal Security cabinet secretary Fred Matiangi spent two days in the region while Governor Ndiritu Muriithi has literary camped for the past week.

One of the significant milestones is the establishment of the Kirima sub-county that comprises Ngárua, Sipili and Ol Moran divisions. Apart from the area having its own deputy county commissioner, it will have an OCPD and elevation of Survey, Luoniek and Nagum police posts to police stations under the command of the OCS.

On Saturday, Dr Matiangí and Governor Muriithi broke the ground for the new police division headquarters at Ol Moran which the

county government has committed to build alongside the three new police stations.

The upgrade to bitumen standard of the Sipili-Ol Moran road starting Mahiga primary school is progressing well and there is a possibility of extending it to Magadi and Luoniek. In addition, there has been accelerated effort by the county government to improve mobility in the area are still ongoing. Three road construction brigades have been deployed in Ol Moran, Githiga and Sosian wards under the county leasing programme.

Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui, his deputy and some MCAs dropped by to stand in solidarity with Laikipia following the banditry attacks. Nakuru and Nyandarua also sent food aid.

In a rare display of unity earlier in the week,continued on page 2

Unity of County Leaders Gives Hope to Ol Moran Residents

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Laikipia leaders stood firm with the people of Ol Moran in demanding high-grade intervention by Dr Matiang'i to end the attacks once and for all. The presence of their leaders was quite encouraging to scores of families which had been displaced.

Mattresses

As he had promised the previous week, Governor Muriithi moved his operations to Ol Moran on Monday accompanied by county secretary Karanja Njora, chief officer Ikinya Matindi, sub-county administrators Nicholas Leluyian, Anthony Waruru and Lawrence Ndegwa and ward administrators. The first task was to support the 17 households whose houses were razed with food, mattresses and utensils. They also established a camp at Ol Mo-

ran VTC and provided cooked meals for the 83 families hosted there.

Renewed determination

Also on the ground is Eng. Duncan Mwangi, the chief officer Infrastructure who has coordinating three of the county's road construction brigades as they open up and improve roads in Olmorán, Githiga and Sosian wards to facilitate speedy movement of goods and services. On Monday Governor Muriithi was joined by MPs Sarah Korere, Patrick Mariru and Senator John Kinyua and MCAs Jacob Edom (Sosian), George Karuiru (Ol Moran) and Peter Thomi (Githiga) at the police station. They addressed the citizens demanding immediate intervention.

Like the proverbial phoenix, Ol Mo-



Governor Ndiritu Muriithi, Senator John Kinyua (left), Laikipia West MP Patrick Mariru (right) and Ol Moran MCA George Karuiru on Monday

ran is rising from the ashes-stronger and with a renewed determination to conquer any adversity.

County, Amaya Triangle Initiative Give Food and Beddings to Families

The County Government supported families from Kisii Ndogo/Keroka and Ngare Narok Kwa Mzee Senge Nyeusi whose houses were torched by the bandits, with essential items. The displaced families from Merigwet, Kasarani, Ngare Narok, Mutamayu, Kahuho, Miharati, Mutaro and Survey also found refuge at Olmorán Vocational Training Center, St. Mark Catholic Church and Deliverance church.

County and nation governments are working together to restore peace and coexistence in Olmorán division.

Governor Ndiritu Muriithi held a peace meeting with locals and elected leaders to address the insecurity issues.

The Governor also set time to visit families from Keroka/ Kisii Ndogo, family of Gitumbo who was killed by the bandits where he supported the family with burial expenses coffin, hearse transport and cemetery.

-Priscilla Chumo, Olmorán ward



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Partners, Well-wishers Support Olmorán Rise Again



Governor Lee Kinyanjui of Nakuru at Rumuruti



Partners like The Kenya Red Cross and well-wishers have been actively involved in supporting families that have fled their homes due to banditry attacks.

Twenty-six families from Kisii Ndogo and Mihrati had their homes torched. Many others have fled their homes for their safety. The families are being sheltered at Ol Moran Vocational Training Centre, St Martin Catholic Church and Deliverance church compound.

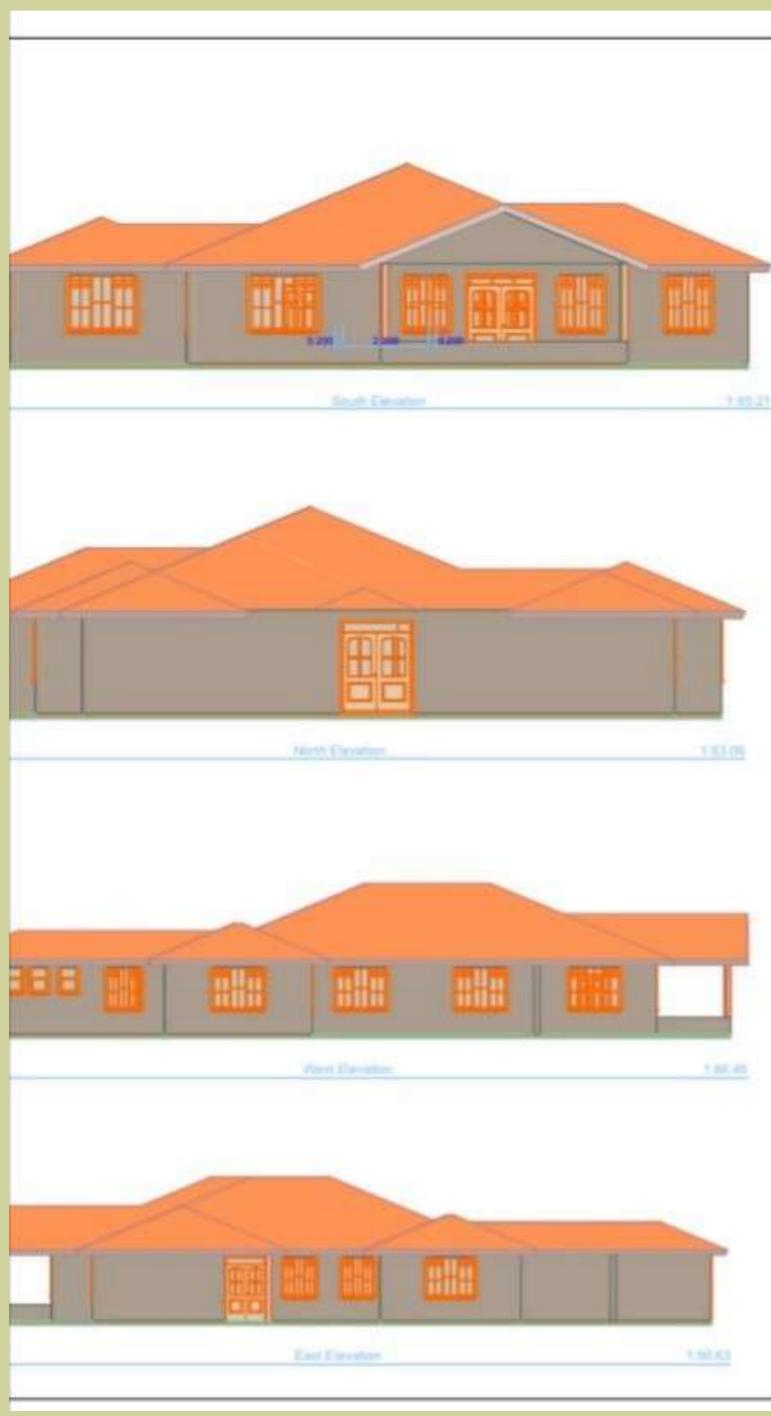
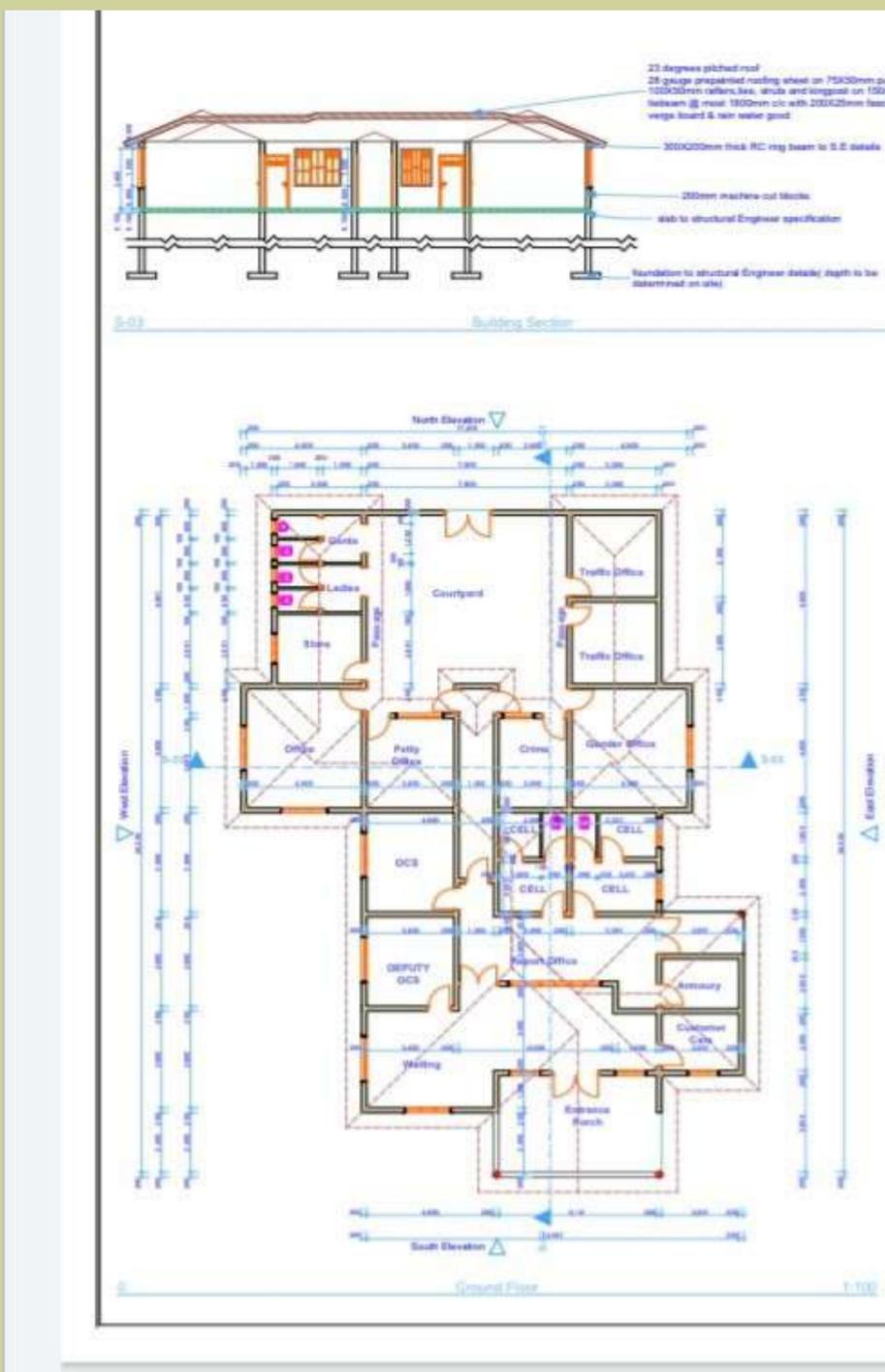
The Catholic church is hosting 92 of the displaced who include 36 adults, 45 children and 11 pupils of Tumaini academy. Deliverance Church is hosting 88 others, while Olmorán VTC has 26.

The County Government of Laikipia and the Ministry of Internal Security have committed to rebuild the homes for the affected families. Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiangi was on Friday expected to bring food and building materials.

Additional assistance has come from the neighbouring Counties of Nakuru and Nyandarua .



What New Kirima Sub county Means to Olmoran's Security



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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAIKIPIA DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE	
PROJECT TITLE OL MORAN POLICE STATION	
CLIENT DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	
DATE SEPTEMBER 2021	
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A drawing of the upcoming Kirima Police division headquarters which the County Government of Laikipia is constructing

Establishment of a new district (sub-county) called Kirima which will comprise Ng'arua, Sipili and Olmoran division will translate to increased security for Olmoran among other benefits. Its headquarters will be at Olmoran town. This will greatly enhance service delivery especially the areas affected by insecurity.

What this means is that Olmoran police station will become a police division headed by an OCPD. The county government has already embarked on the process of upgrading the infrastructure of the station to a modern police station. Work on the foundation of Olmoran police station began today. See the above drawings.

Survey, Luoniek and Nagum police posts will be elevated to police stations each to be headed by an OCS. The county Government of Laikipia is also supporting their infrastructural upgrade of these police stations. Governor Ndiritu Muriithi has been operating from Olmoran since Monday personally overseeing humanitarian and security



Breaking the ground for the new police division headquarters at Ol Moran

efforts. His administration together with the national government will also support the reconstruction of homes destroyed by bandits.

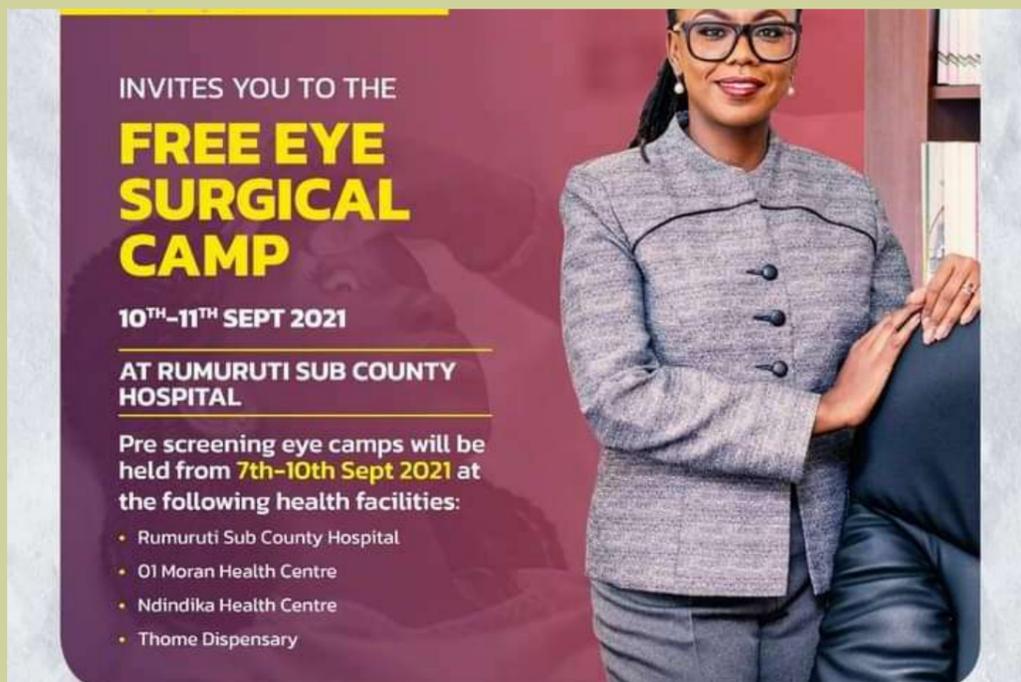
The Governor is committed to restoration of peace in the area.

Office of the County First Lady Organizes free Eye Clinic at LHS Rumuruti

The Grand Free Eye Project is a partnership between the County Government of Laikipia, PANKAJ Foundation and Lions Sight First hospital that targeted 200 surgeries on September 10 and 11 at LHS, Rumuruti.

Pre-screening for the surgery took place at at LHS-Ndindika, LHS-Thome, LHS-Olmoran and LHS-Rumuruti.

Governor Ndiritu Muriithi visited LHS-Rumuruti to check on the progress of the same as he met Pankaj Foundation founder Pankaj Shah as well as the surgeons staff and patients.



Pre-eye screening at LHS- Olmoran



The Grand Eye Clinic at LHS-Rumuruti on Friday



The Voice of Pokot, Maa Elders on Ol Moran Violence

PRESS STATEMENT ON THE INSECURITY IN OLMORAN BY LAIKIPIA POKOT ELDERS

09 September 2021

We, the elders from Pokot Community living in Laikipia, are deeply saddened by and strongly condemn the recent violent attacks perpetrated by criminals that have caused many families anguish through unnecessary loss of lives and wanton destruction of property. These criminals have attempted to cultivate tensions among the inhabitants of Laikipia County and those in the neighbouring counties. They will not succeed.

We take this opportunity to condemn their attacks and ask for an immediate stop to this state of lawlessness. We ask for an immediate return to normalcy. We have taken a long time to build good relations with our neighbours and have shared a lot. Our livelihoods are intertwined and inter-dependent.

We support the efforts by the government to flush out illegal invaders who have infiltrated our communities and cause mayhem at any time, without care, because they have places to run to when Laikipia suffers. They have caused us a bad name and we must now call them out for who they are.

We support all the efforts by the government to help us pursue and nurture peaceful coexistence going ahead. In this endeavour, we must not tire in reaching out to each other; to continue having a dialogue with people of goodwill from all communities; and to ensure that agents of darkness stand no chance in their attempts to disrupt our society. We urge all leaders at all levels, of all faiths, and from all communities, to join us today in this prayer.

We affirm the right of everyone to live in dignity as individuals and communities, and to realise their full potential.

GOD BLESS US ALL. GOD BLESS KENYA.

signed

Samuel Lopan Tukum
Chair, Laikipia Pokot Elders

STATEMENT BY MAA COUNCIL OF ELDERS ON THE RAGING INSECURITY AND LOSS OF LIVES IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY MADE AT NAROOSURA, NAROK NORTH, ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2021.

GO FOR THE BANDITS; DO NOT CRIMINALIZE PASTORALISM.

We are the Maa Council of Elders.

Our Council draws its membership from the Counties of Narok, Kajiado, Samburu, Laikipia, Baringo and Nakuru.

We are mandated to advise the members of the Maa Community on all facets of life especially those that touch on their social, economic and political wellbeing.

From the onset, let us reiterate that we are an integral part of Kenyans living in the Rift Valley; and that we have always supported all initiatives by successive Governments meant to promote unity, peace and cohesion among all Kenyans.

We can say without doubt that peace and security among all our people is a key catalyst to our economic growth; which at the moment we badly need especially as we try to recover from the negative effects of the Covid 19 pandemic.

It is from our desire to see our country progress fast that we are at the moment disturbed by the runaway insecurity in our sister County of Laikipia.

About ten (10) lives have been lost and hundreds of families have deserted their homes for fear of attacks.

This region has been experiencing relative peace in the last few years and the sudden eruption of inter-community violence is unfortunate.

We are concerned that normalcy is yet to resume even as the Security agencies intensify their operations which kicked off last week.

We support the efforts to bring back peace in this County.

At the same time, we are concerned at the stigmatization of certain communities as "attackers" and classification of others as the "victims".

Let it be known that pastoral lands are currently experiencing drought and many pastoralists are seeking pasture in lands that they do not normally inhabit.

Laikipia is one such ecosystem.

In this context, we urge security agencies operating in Laikipia to focus on criminals wielding sophisticated weapons and desist from treating harmless herders as suspects of this senseless wave of insecurity.

We have received reliable reports of numerous "blanket expulsion and harassment" cases against ordinary herders some of whom are not even aware of the insecurity in the area.

We reiterate that we need to separate the case of ordinary herders who have found themselves on the cross fire of this insecurity and criminals from across the county borders whose mission is to cause suffering of ordinary Kenyans.

Let us not criminalize pastoralism; Let us CRIMINALIZE acts of aggression against any Kenyan or private property.

This CAUTION on the targeted aggressors should be extended to leaders from these pastoralist communities.

We are aware this is a political season and some elements could seek to use this insecurity to hit back at rivals.

We urge thorough investigations to get to the bottom of this Laikipia mess.

Meanwhile, let the livestock feed-It is a dry season.

SIGNED....

KELEINA OLE NCHOE,

ACTING CHAIRMAN,

MAA COUNCIL OF ELDERS.

Connectivity



The County Government has moved three of its five road construction brigades to Olmorán, Githiga and Sosian to work on the roads to improve connectivity. Here Governor Ndiritu Muriithi and Olmorán ward MCA George Karuiru inspect one of the road undergoing rehabilitation

Governor Meets County Teams Working on Ol Moran Roads

The County Government is rolling out an accelerated road improvement for Olmoran, Sosian and Githiga wards under the Laikipia Leasing Programme.

This will drastically change the area as the improved roads will facilitate free movement of farm produce. The rehabilitated roads will also improve security.

There are three county government road brigades working in the three wards.

Governor Ndiritu Muriithi was working from Olmoran the whole of last week to oversee the implementation of such projects.

On Wednesday, he met teams of county workers working on the roads and assured them that all will be well.

He also inspected the progress of Ndemu Ndune dam which is key in provision of water for production as well as in solving water-related conflicts in the area.

The county administration is also constructing Ol Moran Police Station to modern standards.

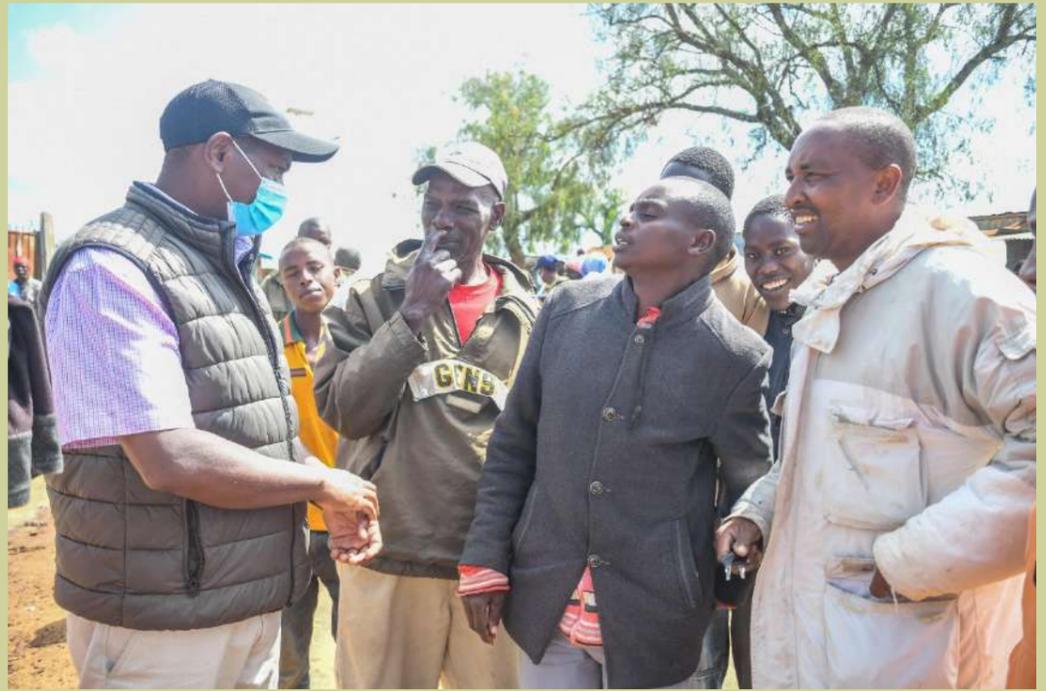


Reassuring Citizens of their Security

Luoniek, Sosian ward



Survey, Sosian ward



OI Moran township, OI Moran ward

