

EMBU NEWSLINE

The Land of Opportunities

Governor Mbarire brings goodies to Mbeere South

Her Excellency Governor Cecily Mbarire met with the KENGEN team, led by their CEO, Eng. Peter Njenga, where it was agreed that jointly Embu County Government and KENGEN would be coming up with solar power plant in Machang'a, Mavuria ward. This project expected to be operational by 2026, will span 1300 hectares and bring substantial benefits to the area residents such as job creation, enhanced water supply, ecosystem improvement, and the refurbishment of a local dispensary. As part of the project, a community water initiative will deliver 2Mil-



H.E The Governor with the KenGen Staff

lion Litres of water through a 5km pipeline. To further support the community, 100 acres will be set aside for forest cover as part of the compensation for local residents.

KES 6.5 MILLION GRANT FOR EMBU YOUTH IN CLIMATE CHANGE

Governor Mbarire issued cheques amounting to 6.5 million in grants to 29 youth groups comprising about 200 individuals. The beneficiaries have been substantially brought to speed so that they are well versed on how to ensure that they use their funds prudently. In her address, the Governor said that adverse climate change had a profound impact on the communities, disrupting daily life and threatening liveli-

hoods. Recognizing the urgency of addressing these challenges, the County Government has partnered with Bloomberg philanthropists to empower twenty-nine(29) youth groups across our County's 20 Wards.

These groups have been provided with funds through the Youth Climate Action Fund to accelerate

their climate action initiatives and contribute to effective mitigation efforts. Climate action and mitigation are crucial for safeguarding our environment, preserving our resources, and securing a sustainable future for all.

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Hon. Kathuri meets his staff

CECM Hon. Kathuri meeting with Departmental Staff

work plan as aligned with the CIDP and Annual Development Plan. The sections represented were field services (the Sub County Administration), Human Resource Management, Disaster Risk Management, Public Communications and Enforcement.

all the sections to continue offering unwavering support to other departments to realize the County Government's targets.

CECM Administration, Public Service and Devolution Hon. Emilio Kathuri has led his team in sharing the departmental successes and challenges and thereafter came up with this financial year's

Chief Officer Henry Nthiga has called upon

Taita Taveta Benchmarks in Embu County

Embu County Government led by the County Secretary Ms. Amy Ruria played host to Taita Taveta County Executive team in benchmarking on matters medical scheme administration. Their goal is to identify areas for improvement in their medical scheme administration and imple-

ment best practices learned. After their benchmarking, they intend to use the lessons learned in identifying areas where quality of care can be enhanced; such as reducing hospital readmissions, infections or medication errors. In addition, they will highlight areas where

they can improve on efficiency like patient wait times or staff productivity. Finally their benchmarking will assist them make informed decisions about resource allocation and strategic initiatives.

Taita Taveta's goal is to identify areas for improvement in their medical scheme administration and implement best practices learned.

DISASTERS IN EMBU - A THING OF THE PAST

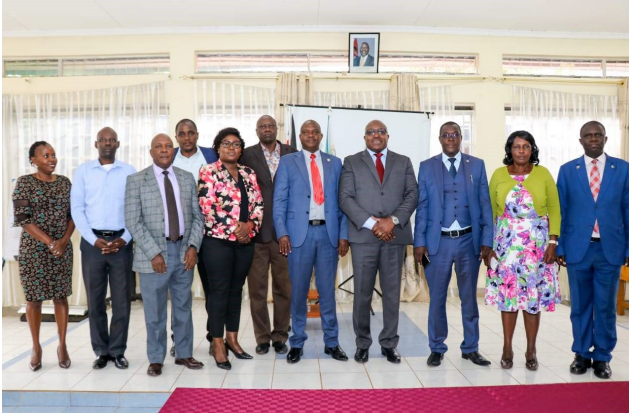
Embu County Government has put in place disaster risk reduction policies and strategies aimed at preventing new disaster risks, reducing existing disaster risks and managing residual risks, thus contributing to the strengthening of resilience and reduction

of disaster losses. County Executive Committee Member Mr. Raymond Kinyua has said that disasters in the county and its environs are now things of the past. "My Department through the Municipality has fixed the Sino fire engine truck and restored its full opera-

tion." He said adding that, his department was at an advanced stage in fixing the Mann truck fire engine in order to ensure preparedness in responding to fire cases.

**Refurbished Sino Fire Engine**

EMBU COUNTY AND NTSA IN MUTUAL COLLABORATION



D.G H.E Kinywa Mugo meeting with NTSA & County Officials

The National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) is working with Embu County Government and other stakeholders to set up road safety response plans and committee that will help improve road safety in the county.

Embu Deputy Governor Mr. Justus Kinywa Mugo has thanked NTSA for coming up with ways of collaborating with Embu County Government in adopting non-motorized means for road users. The planned construction of pedestrian walkways and capacity building for motor-cyclists, popularly known as boda boda and road safety sensitization

among other road safety measures is a welcomed gesture.

Speaking when they paid courtesy call to Embu Deputy Governor, NTSA Chairman Mr. Losilian Kali said that one of what they are doing is to improve road signs and markings known as black spot management, working with counties to provide parking bays in a bid to stem road accidents.

The Director said that they'll soon be training the County Transport and Safety six member committee chaired by Mr. Elijah Mugo, CECM Roads, Public Works, Transport, Energy and Logistic. The committee will be guided by the five road safety pillars namely; Road Safety Management, Safer Fleets, Safer Road Users, Post-crash Response, Safer Driving Environment.

EMBU MOVES TO STRENGTH PARTNERSHIPS IN KES.115 BILLION CLIMATE ACTION FUND

Embu County Government and Water Trust Fund has entered into a collaboration aimed at strengthening partnerships between the two entities. The collaboration is tailored into several key outcomes which include among others coming up two Green Climate Fund (GCF) projects. One is a Ksh 15 billion initiative led by the Water Sector Trust Fund, and the other is a Ksh 100 billion Climate Change project led by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

Additionally, the parties agreed have explored partnerships for training county staff on carbon markets and carbon trading. These partnerships have the potential to significantly enhance the socio-economic well-being of the people of Embu County.



WTF CEO Willis Ombai when he met Embu County Staff

KAGUNGA DUMP SITE SET TO BECOME A RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANT

The Department of Roads, Public Works, Transport, Energy and Logistics together with that of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources visited Kagunga dumpsite, where they intend to build a gated perimeter wall, and two secure rooms for shredding machines. The machines will shred

plastics and glasses to reduce waste heaps, thereby conserving the environment in the long run.

The project, funded by the World Bank through Financing Locally-led Climate Action (FLLoCA) Program will create employment for the youth doing recycling, working tree nurseries and helping in other environmental conservation activities to reduce

waste, enhance security and improve livelihoods in Embu County.



Kagunga Dump Site

EMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DISASTER RESPONSE NUMBER

0723-778513

BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING - KAIRURI L3.

Embu County has partnered with Beyond Zero Organization in launching the **Beyond Zero Cervical Cancer Management Project**. This initiative is aimed at addressing the devastating impact that cervical cancer has had on women in Embu County, and it aligns with the County's

broader vision of ensuring that every person in Embu has access to quality healthcare.

Embu County Government has launched a 3-year partnership initiative with Beyond zero to be centred at **Kairuri Level 3 Hospital** and will enable extensive cervical & breast cancer screening, awareness & treatment outreaches in

Ruguru Ngandori, Nginda & Gatari South wards.



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE LAUNCHED

Dallas Green Infrastructure Plan has been launched in Embu County. This is an initiative within the Dallas ASILI project aimed at addressing urban flooding and enhance public spaces through Green Infrastructure and nature-based solutions. Developed through a participatory process in partnership with the Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) and the Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA), this plan reflects the collective vision and aspirations of the Dallas community residents.

It aligns with the “Dallas Neighborhood Vision,” a roadmap for the settlement’s future, created through inclusive workshops and activities that ensured community needs were integrated into the plan. The GI plan’s primary goal is to assist the Embu County Government in addressing urban flooding in Dallas by optimising drainage systems and managing stormwater runoff. By employing nature-based solutions, the plan aims to reduce the risk of flooding and minimise

related health hazards. Additionally, it includes proposals to improve safety and accessibility through the creation of green spaces and enhanced connectivity. The plan also outlines recreational spaces designed to support residents' health, well-being, and sense of belonging. Importantly, it is built on a collaborative approach involving the community, landowners, and other stakeholders to implement sustainable practices in the settlement.

Embu County Leadership

The Governor

The Deputy Governor

County Executive Committee Members

County Secretary

Chief Officers



Embu County Government Publication



Launch of Iriari Water Project





Embu County Secretary Amy Ruria with staff, Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA), Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) and German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) representatives in partnership arrangements on Dallas Asili project



Lands CECM showcasing Embu Municipality Attire

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CAIP Launch



Training of Community Health Promoters



Governor Mbarire Flanks H.E The President in Launching Iriari Irrigation Project



Governor with KENGEN CEO Eng. Peter Njenga



Governor Mbarire and Deputy Governor Kinywa Mugo after providing Youth Climate Action Fund to Embu Youth



Governor and Deputy Governor issuing 6.5M to climate youth groups



Kenya Postal Cooperation and County Government Partnership



Launch of Iriari Water Project



Traning Farmers

Coincidence
OR
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But

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1 * 20 * 20 * 4 * 20 * 21 * 4 * 5 = 100%



Deputy Governor touring Exhibition Stand, Kairuri



Governor Issuing Bursary to Students

Embu County Aggregation and Industrial Park



Trade staff at the launched CAIP

Manufacturing sector plays a key role in economic development, employment creation; offer new products to market; provide stimulus for growth of the agriculture sector and offer significant opportunities for export expansion. The sector performance has stagnated at around 7% in the last couple of years. According to Economic Survey 2023, the contribution to Gross Domestic Product was 7.8% in 2022 which was a slight improvement from 7.2% in 2021. In this regard, Embu County Government in partnership with the National Government is currently constructing County Aggregations and Industrial Parks as a way of promoting value chains approach.

The County Aggregation and Industrial Parks will house an aggregation centre that will have the section for collection, sorting, grading, cleaning, packaging and cold storage facilities. The Industrial Park section will have the value addition, processing equipment and common user facilities. The CAIP will be linked to online warehouses management system to promote market access.

The main objective of CAIP is to grow manufacturing and agro-Industrial investments in Embu County and enhance competitiveness of agriculture sector in a sustainable manner hence creating inclusive decent jobs, promote productivity at the firm level, increase farmers' income; increase export, increase foreign exchange and growth the economy and provide platform for stakeholders' engagement in promoting industrialization in the country.

Embu County Digitization Exercise

Embu County Government is in the process of digitizing all its records in a secure, accessible and reliable format which includes amongst other ways, electronic files which will enhance the accessibility by members of the public.

The county government is teaming up with the national government to digitize land records as envisaged by section 9 and 10 of the Land Registration Act 2012. The computerization initiative is meant to improve service delivery by dealing with documents disappearance, failed file tracking system, tattered records in the three land registries in Embu and long timelines of service delivery among other challenges.

The automation also meant the reconstruction of records registered under Government Lands Act (GLA) regime which were in a poor state, making it extremely difficult to conduct searches. It also includes the creation of a property data base system such that a property value data base is created at the valuation division of lands.

Developing a file tracking system for all settlement plot files meant there will be efficient allocation of settlement files; reduction in time taken to retrieve settlement plot files for action; reasonable timelines in all settlement transactions and reduced cases of missing file and an integrated and unified form makes the procedures run simultaneously.

The automation also involves the creation of a Document Management System (DMS) for all approved physical development plans in the country so as to reduce time taken for vetting and verifying plans submitted for approval by the County physical planners and time taken by officers, professionals and members of the public to access and retrieve any authenticated survey plan; provide easy storage; provide security and back up in the event of loss and to provide a survey plan that can be used by many officers at a time for quality control the checks.

Farmers Trained on SLM - Sustainable Land Management Practices

Embu farmers have been trained on sustainable land management practices for small-holder farmers build smart agriculture skills. This in turn will lead to higher crop yields, increased income and food security, and resilience to a changing climate.



Farmers Trained on Sustainable Land Management

As farmers learn new methods to revitalize their land planting trees and crops, and harvesting in ways that produce natural nitrogen fertilizers in the soil and benefit the longevity of the land they reap the benefits and share their experiences with their communities.

The training has the following benefits to the participants:

- i) To learn the GAPs (Good Agricultural Practices) applicable to citrus fruits and mango production
- ii) To equip participants with knowledge and skills on soil and water conservation and sustainable land management practices
- iii) Gain knowledge of Agro forestry and climate smart practices
- iv) To get deeper understanding on project implementation and management
- v) To instill leadership qualities into community lead project managers
- vi) To train the committees on their roles and responsibilities/ Administrators in project implementation, ownership and sustainability.

Vision

A prosperous County with Equal Opportunities for all

Mission

To ensure effective resource mobilization and optimization for Wealth and Job Creation

Mandate

It is charged with the mandate of providing County leadership in implementation of County Policy and development by ensuring the County Government works in harmony through improved policy direction, coordination and information sharing between County and National Government.

Core Values

Visionary leadership

Entrepreneurship

Equity

Unity

Accountability

Participation

Environment

Departments

Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperative Development

Education

Finance and Economic Planning

Health

Lands, Housing and Urban Development

Public Service, Administration and ICT

Roads, Transport and Public Works

Trade, Tourism and Industry Development

Water, Irrigation, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources

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