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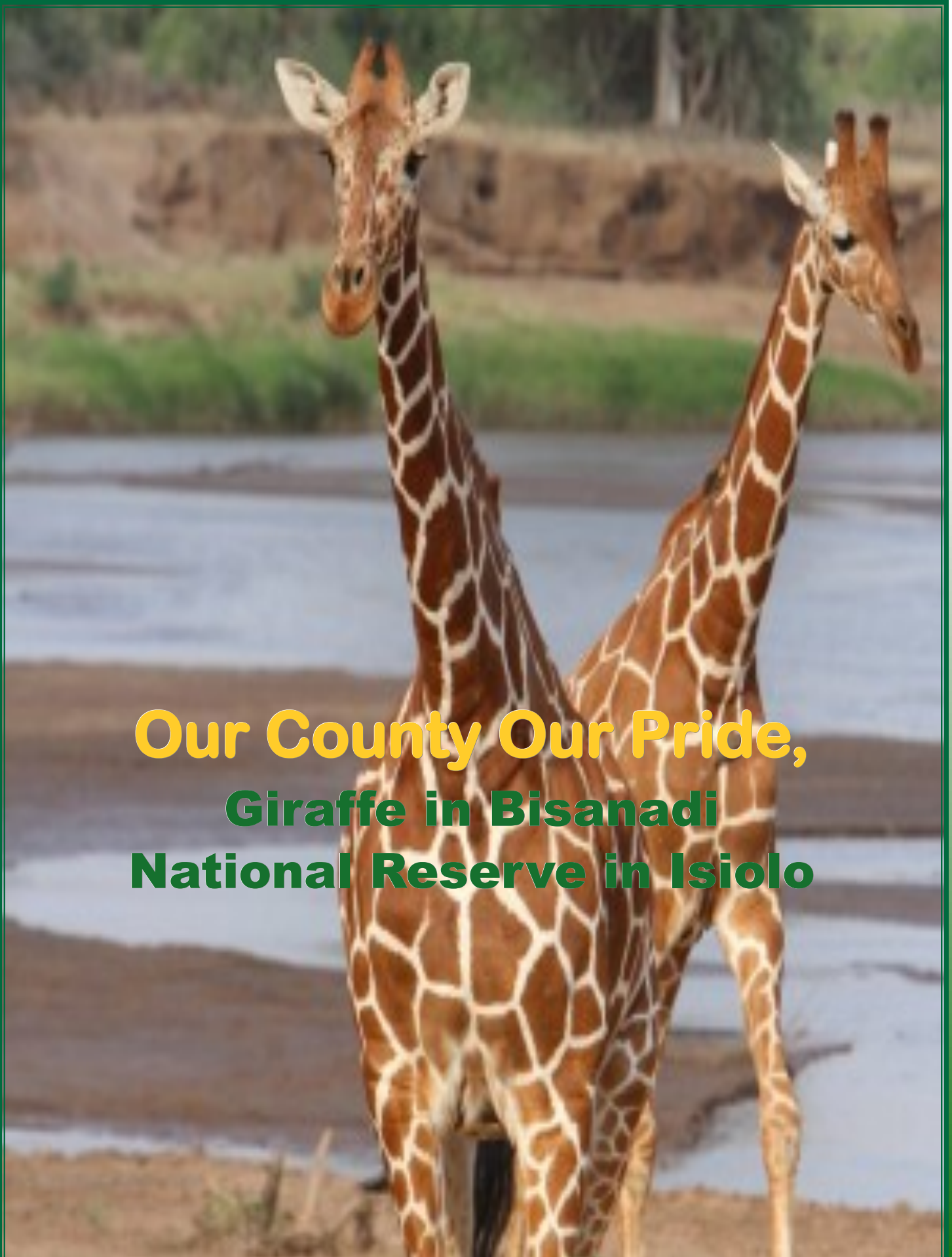
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Giraffe in Bisanadi
National Reserve in Isiolo**





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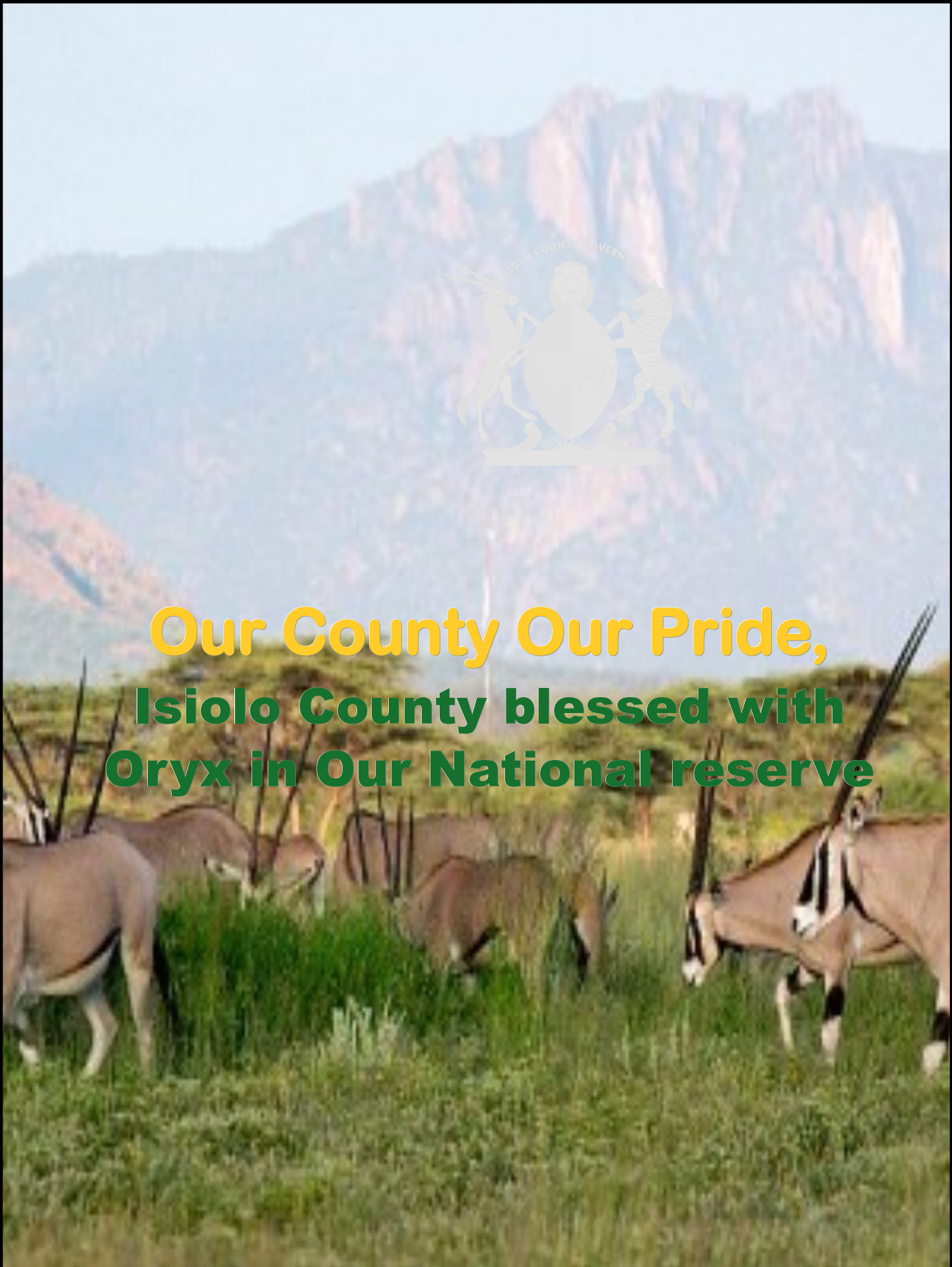


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**Our County Our Pride,
Isiolo County blessed with
Oryx in Our National reserve**





Editor's Note



During this last quarter of the year, Isiolo county residents welcomed with great optimism a new county government under the leadership of H.E Governor Abdi Ibrahim Hassan (Guyo). Notably, the new regime has rekindled great hope among county residents through its responsive approach to service delivery.

Government communication is key in addressing information gaps that breed propaganda, fake news, and misinformation on development projects and programmes. In this edition of this quarter's Newsletter, readers will find different interventions, projects and programmes that the County Government of Isiolo under the able leadership of Governor Abdi Ibrahim Hassan has implemented.

Despite existing challenges, without doubt, the county government has achieved quite a lot: drilling and repairing boreholes, providing relief food to 24,000 households and carrying out emergency water trucking to 2,100 households in Modogashe, 600 in Dadachabasa, 70 in Dololo dakiye, 400 in Malkagalla, 60 Badan raro, 220 in Biliki, 150 in Lakole and approximately 7,000 livestock in Cherab zone.

Additionally, the county government has enhanced service delivery in all health facilities in the county by making available essential drugs and medical supplies in addition to making sure human resources for health report to their workstations and much more.

Antony Kiarie,
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Having assumed power as your Governor on 25th August 2022, I did promise every resident of this great county that my administration will be more responsive to their needs and ensure better service delivery. To this end, a day after my swearing in, I visited different county departments to encourage officers to provide mwananchi with services they required.

I did later appoint the County Secretary and a team of six County Executive Committee Members (CECMs) to help drive my agenda of realizing a new dawn in our County. It is this exceptional team and I that have, despite the numerous challenges in the last 4 months of this quarter, worked hard to ensure that residents of Isiolo County enjoy access to first class services. In this regard, my administration immediately after 18 days in office, delivered essential drugs to all health facilities across our expansive county.

Among the key promises I made to the great people of Isiolo County is working with the national government to address the recurring problem of insecurity. To successfully realize this, I have through substantial collaboration with other elected leaders twice hosted the Interior Cabinet Secretary Prof. Kithure Kindiki in insecurity prone areas within our county. These efforts have borne fruits as the national government has, among other promises, pledged to immediately recruit 250 Kenya Police Reservists that will assist in securing our county.

Regrettably, we have as a county in the past few months like other Arid and Semi-Arid counties also experienced one of the most severe droughts in history. To cushion residents from its adverse effects, my government did in early October

provide 24,000 households with relief food and later on 24th December 2022 distribute more food targeting the worst drought hit areas of Sericho and Cherab wards.

Equally important, my administration has also in this quarter carried out emergency water trucking both for human and livestock consumption amounting to 13,760 m³ (13,760,000 litres). However, my administration seeks to put in place long-term solutions to the challenge of food security emanating from drought mainly caused by climate change. We have started this by working towards reviving past irrigation schemes for which we are in the process of procuring irrigation infrastructure targeting; 70 acres in Malkadaka, 200 acres in Bulesa and 20 acres in Ngaremara.

Further, my administration appreciates the critical role education plays in the path from abject poverty. We have therefore also partnered with Direct-Aid Africa to sponsor 50 youth to undertake study in technical courses abroad. Similarly, my administration has in this quarter also partnered with the Institute for Human Development at the Aga Khan University to augment our Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) programs.

Moreover, my administration is working towards resolving the water scarcity problem that has for long harrowed our people. We have in this quarter alone drilled several boreholes and are in the process of drilling a borehole at Qone through which we shall pipe water to Modogashe. We are also a government that appreciates various development partners working in our county in dissimilar sectors to address different challenges affecting our people. I do promise them my continued support in the coming year.

The Resort City Newsletter highlights some of the interventions my administration has been able to realize in this quarter. I do strongly believe that with the 3rd generation CIDP (2023-2027) in place, we will achieve more in the coming first and subsequent quarters of 2023.

H.E ABDI IBRAHIM HASSAN
GOVERNOR, ISIOLO COUNTY



County Governments are required by law to provide quality and affordable healthcare services to their respective county residents. In this regard, once in office I immediately embarked on ensuring that residents of Isiolo County enjoy first class healthcare services especially in line with Governor Abdi Ibrahim's aspirations. I have therefore in this quarter visited virtually all health facilities in our vast county to assess their condition, monitor both the availability of essential drugs and other medical supplies and the reporting on duty of various human resources for health. These visits have borne fruits as they have improved delivery of services in our health facilities.

Further, as the principal assistant to H.E Governor Abdi Guyo, I have also in this quarter on his behalf hosted different national government agencies and parastatals and development partners. For instance, in late November, I hosted officers from the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) who appraised me on implementation progress of the Hunger Safety Net Program (HSNP) in our county. And in the same

month, I hosted a team from USAID-Nawiri who appraised me on different interventions their project has been undertaking to address the threat of malnutrition. The sole purpose of these meetings has been uplifting the living standards of our people through lobbying for more projects that align to Governor Guyo's development agenda.

Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) play a major role in growing economies notably in developing countries like Kenya. To this end, I also did represent our great county in the 10 th annual SME Conference and Expo at Strathmore University, during which I made a strong case for more support being extended to our SMEs and more so cooperatives. Additionally, my office did also provide leadership during the formulation of our county's 3 rd generation County Integrated Development Plan (2023-2027) which once complete will guide development priorities.

I strongly believe that Governor Abdi Ibrahim's administration will achieve more in the new year.

H.E DR. JAMES LOWASA
DEPUTY GOVERNOR, ISIOLO COUNTY





Service delivery by the different county government's departments that is done in a responsive and timely manner is the right of every county resident. Accordingly, I have since my appointment worked to ensure county government's officers proactively deliver services to residents of our great county.

Additionally, during this quarter my office has provided leadership in the development of important County Government policies and documents. For instance, in the months of October and November this year provided leadership in the formulation of our 3rd generation County Integrated Development Plan (2023-2027CIDP) and were also part of those that gave important input to the County Trade and Markets Bill, 2022.

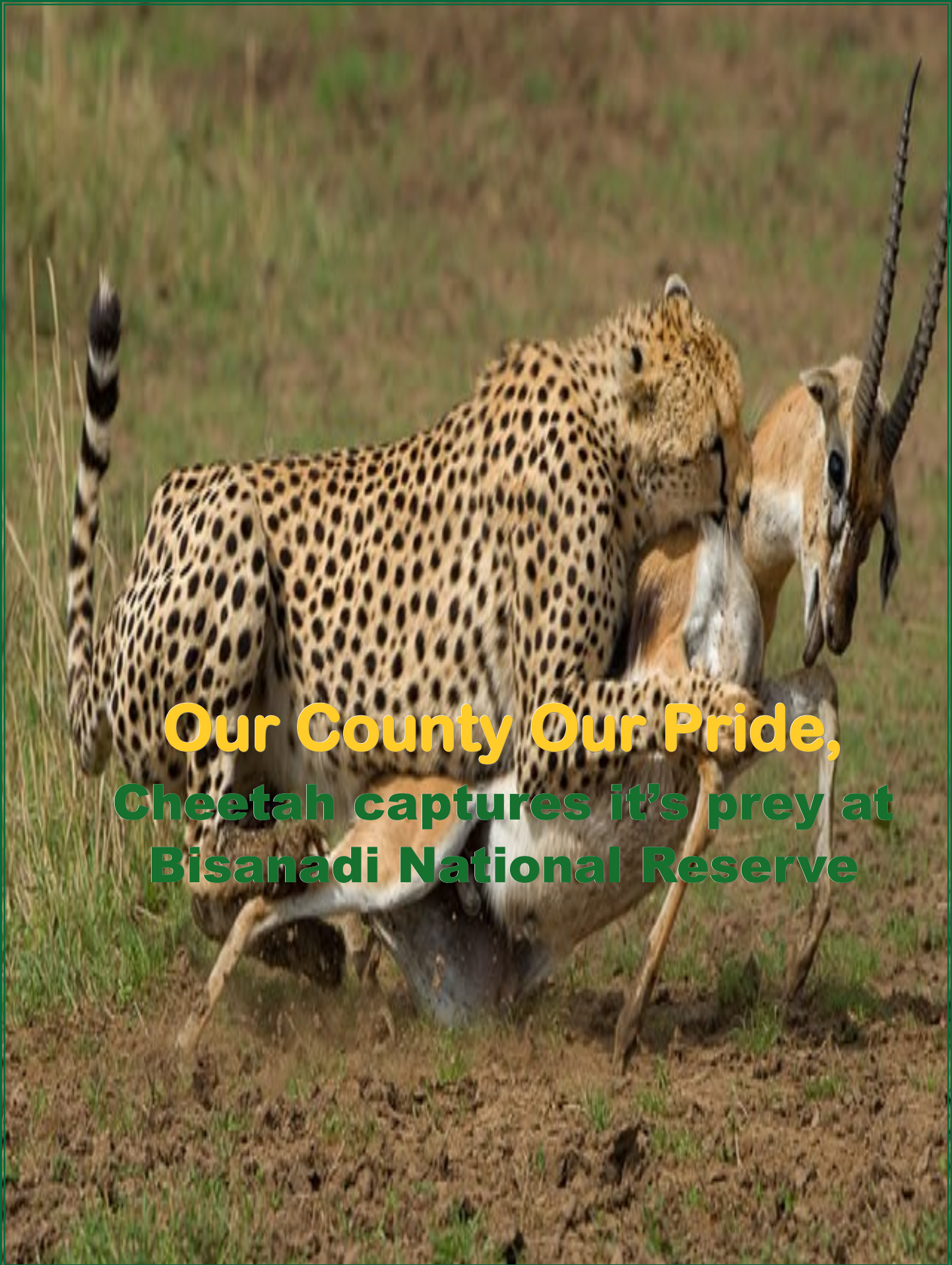
Development partners have for long complemented government efforts directed towards solving everyday problems that mwananchi faces. Their partnership with the county government needs to be strengthened. To this end, my office has hosted several partnership enhance-

ment meetings with development partners working in our County: Partnership for Resilience and Economic Growth (PREG) partners, European Union in Kenya, Kenya Climate Innovation Centre (KCIC) of the AgriBiz program among others. I have during these meetings shared Governor Abdi Guyo's development agenda and requested them to align their priorities to his vision.

Equally, given my background in the education sector, I did in this quarter also accompany H.E Governor Abdi Ibrahim in partnership building meetings related to enhancing our education sector at Direct-Aid Africa and at the Institute for Human Development of the Aga Khan University. Both meetings bore fruits that will substantially transform the education sector in our county.

Indeed, we as an office believe it's a new dawn for Isiolo county. I therefore humbly urge all residents to maximally use the Complaints Handling Committee to convey their grievances. It is this combined with our zeal that will help us serve you better.

Mr. Dadhe Boru
The County Secretary,
County Government of Isiolo.



**Our County Our Pride,
Cheetah captures it's prey at
Bisanadi National Reserve**





Water is the most essential commodity for human survival. Isiolo County is one of the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALS) Counties that faces severe water scarcity especially during droughts like the recent one. Informed by this ever-emerging need, Isiolo Governor Abdi Ibrahim Hassan on 22nd September 2022, signed an MOU with the Water Sector Trust Fund (WSTF) led by its Chairperson Mr. Bill Lay and Ag. CEO Mr. Willis Ombai for implementation of Sustainable Management and Access to Water & Sanitation in the ASALS programme(SWASAP).

SWASAP has made available Kes.150 million funding for water projects in Merti and Garbatulla Sub-counties of Isiolo County. During the signing of the MOU Governor Abdi Ibrahim

Hassan made a commitment that his government will inject Kes.13.5million towards actualization of the projects. *‘I am committed to seeing the success of these projects. My government will inject Kes.13.5million to ensure we realize our vision of providing safe and clean drinking water to the deserving residents of our great County,’* Governor Abdi Said adding that his administration will in partnership with other stakeholders continue to fastrack short term initiatives through water trucking and provision of fuel to cushion hundreds of herders following the current drought.

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Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) is a critical stage for children's; cognitive, physical, linguistic and social-emotional development. For this reason, Isiolo Governor Abdi Ibrahim Guyo in early December this year accompanied by County Secretary Mr. Dadhe Boru went for a partnership building meeting at the Institute for Human Development at the Aga Khan University. During the meeting strategies revolving around collaborative mechanisms that will lead to the formulation of high-quality Early Childhood Development (ECD) services and programs were discussed.

Governor Abdi also called upon the Aga Khan University officials to establish a research institute that will generate policies and train frontline workers for Northern Frontier counties.

"I am assuring you of my commitment towards partnership, especially in areas of; ECD program, research, and training to identify existing gaps and come up with ways of addressing them," Governor Abdi opined.

Guyo hailed the Aga Khan University management for the effort, adding that setting up a research center within Isiolo town was a matter of priority that was long overdue. He also said that the centre will help to conduct domestic research regarding the ECD situation in Isiolo County and help craft recommendations for appropriate action.

He said his administration is working out on programs to improve the ECD sector since it is the most critical step as the beginning point of formal education.





Funded projects will be implemented in Bissan biliqo that will cover drilling boreholes at Bulesa and piping to Biliqo using HDPE pipes, 50 M3 ground water steel tank, 240 domestic water connections, 2 water troughs , sanitation improvement, and 50,000m3 water pan,

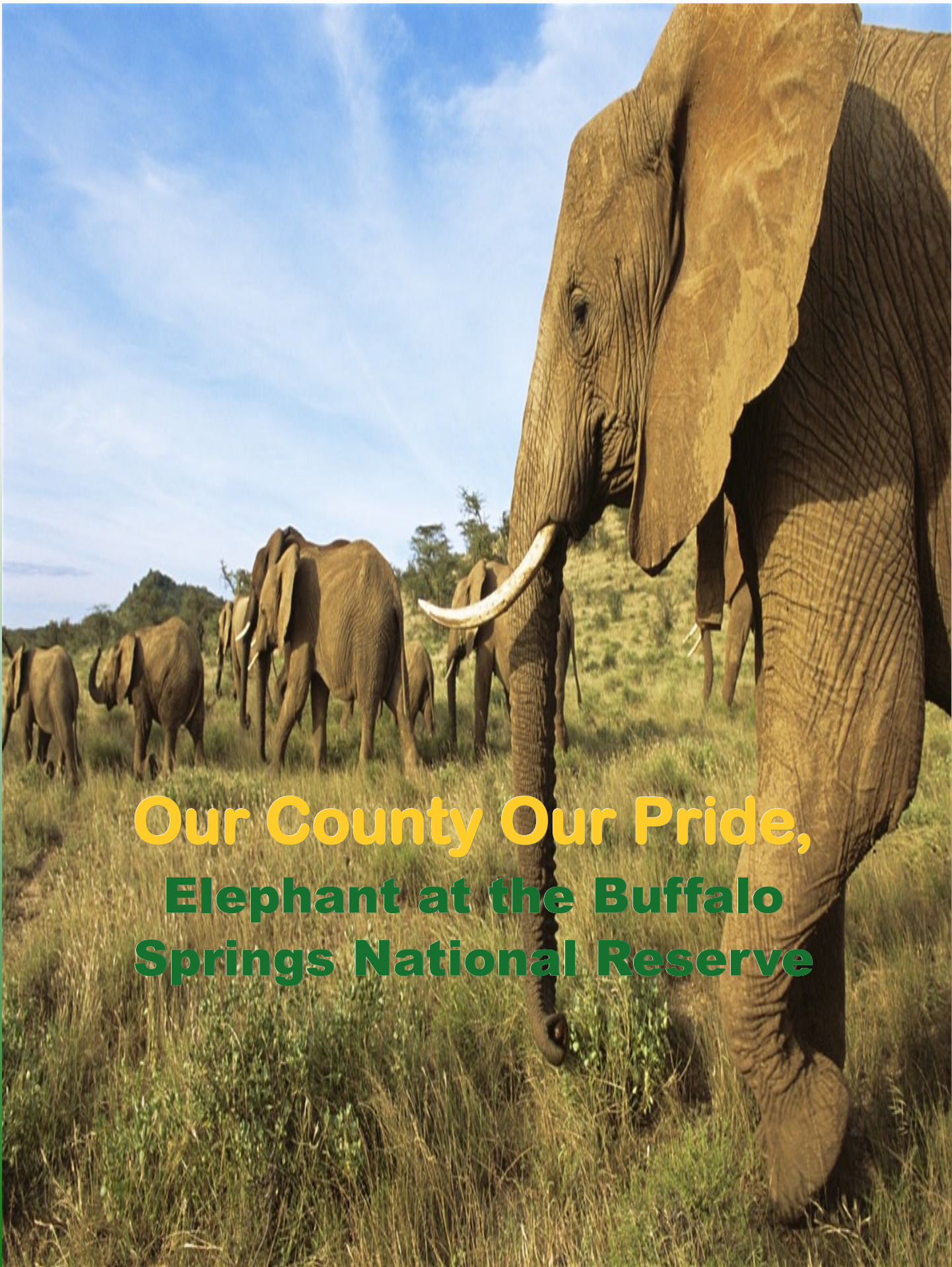
The other one will be an 8.6km pipeline extension from Sericho to Biliqo ,Gubatu and Sericho primary schools and Bahari girls school, while in Gafarsa there will be drilling of a borehole and equipping and piping to existing line and improving distribution network, provision of a 50m3 elevated steel tank,1 water kiosk in Gafarsa town and sanitation improvement and in Iresaboru desilting and

expansion of water pan to capacity of 50,000m3.

Others are 32m3 elevated still tank at Gubatu,30m3 masonry tank at Bahari girls, rehabilitation of tank at biliqi,and water kiosks at Biliqi and Sericho, installation of 11 water meters at water kiosks.

The SWASAP programme aims to increase community resilience and adaptation to climate change in 3,000 households and 90 villages in Isiolo County.





**Our County Our Pride,
Elephant at the Buffalo
Springs National Reserve**





Runaway insecurity in Northern Kenya Counties has for a long time claimed hundreds of lives, led to numerous incidences of livestock theft, displaced families and destruction of property.

Competition for water and pasture, land disputes, political intrigues, border disputes and proliferation of illegal firearms, are the main causes of recurring conflicts between Isiolo residents and those of neighboring Samburu, Wajir, Garissa, Meru, Laikipia and Marsabit counties.

However, hope for a lasting solution to this community concern is within a promising horizon. This is after Governor Abdi Guyo and his Wajir counterpart Governor Ahmed Abdullahi in late November hosted the Interior and Coordination of National Government CS Prof. Kindiki for a security meeting.

The well-planned visit entailed touring various parts of Isiolo and Wajir Counties, to both assess drivers of inter-community conflict characterized by banditry attacks and to also promote inter- border peace.

CS Interior Hon. Kithure Kindiki assured both governors and leaders that had accompanied them of improved security surveillance as well as recruitment of 200 police reservists who will be deployed at the border of Isiolo and Wajir counties.

“We will soon improve security surveillance and recruit more Kenya Police Reservists that will assist in monitoring threats to peace in both Isiolo and Wajir. I want to assure you that the national government will put more resources to ensure no lives are lost and no property is destroyed as a result of inter-communal conflicts,” C.S Kindiki opined.

Governor Abdi Guyo observed that the decades-long conflicts can be addressed by willing leadership. He strongly stated that the senseless loss of lives and livelihoods caused by the insecurity can not continue unabated “Time has come for us leaders from the North to engage the national government in finding a lasting solution to this problem of insecurity. We can not continue with the senseless loss of hundreds of lives and destruction of property,” Governor Abdi lamented.

Other leaders that attended were; Isiolo Senator Fat ma Dullo, Isiolo Women Representative Hon. Mumina Gollo and Member of County Assembly for Cherab Ward. The national police service was represented by Deputy Inspector General Noor Gabow. Governor Abdi Guyo and his Garissa counterpart Nathif Jama had in mid-September held discussions on how peace can be restored along the borders of both counties





Access to affordable and quality health care is one of the key drivers of any community's socio-economic development. H.E Governor Abdi Ibrahim Hassan strongly believes that this is also true for Isiolo County. It is against this backdrop that, through his intervention Isiolo County Teaching and Referral Hospital (ICTRH) and other health facilities within the County, in September 2022 received drugs delivered by six trucks from KEMSA.

Among the essential drugs that were received included; Pharmaceutical, On-pharmaceutical, Renal, Theatre, Laboratory and those for COVID-19. While receiving the consignment, Acting Health Services Chief Officer Mr. Peter Ngechu reiterated Governor Abdi's commitment to ensure residents of Isiolo County have access to first class albeit affordable healthcare.

"I wish to reiterate of H.E Governor Abdi Ibrahim's commitment to ensure that residents of our great County have access to high quality healthcare but that which is also affordable. This government will work tirelessly to ensure all mwananchi living in Isiolo County get the Drugs they need and medical attention they require," Ngechu Said.

Additionally, C.O Ngechu delivered the Governor's word of caution to health workers that are in the habit of steal-

ing drugs from the County Government's hospitals to sell in local pharmacies. He said Governor Guyo's administration will not condone this type of criminal behavior.

"I would also want to strongly deliver Governor Abdi Ibrahim's message to those health workers that are used to stealing drugs from our hospitals' stores. The Governor would like those of such character that they will strongly be dealt with according to the law," Ngechu Said, adding that the hospital now has reliable intelligence on how drugs are stolen from stores.

Since assumption of power as Isiolo County Governor, H.E Abdi Ibrahim Hassan has both taken bold steps and implemented laudable changes in different sectors in the County Government of Isiolo. These all aimed at delivering first class services to residents of Isiolo County.





This year's drought has had a wide range of ravaging effects on hundreds of families in Isiolo County. To address this issue, at least 24,000 households in drought-stricken parts of Isiolo County received relief food courtesy of the County Government of Isiolo under the leadership of H.E Abdi Ibrahim Hassan.

Governor Abdi Ibrahim flagged off the consignment of relief food on 11th October this year at the police mess during which he said the food would cushion hundreds of residents who were facing adverse effects of the drought. Governor Abdi also directed Sub County administrators, ward administrators and senior county officials to thoroughly monitor and ensure fairness in distribution of the relief food.

Equally, the Governor assured that he would personally supervise and oversee the distribution in most of targeted areas adding that anyone who would be found diverting food will be dealt with

accordingly. "I want to issue an order here and now to ward and sub-county administrators to ensure these food reaches the needy cases we have in our County. I will personally ensure that this food reaches the right people and any officer that tries to divert it will face the full force of the law," Governor Abdi Ibrahim Said adding that his administration would ensure all county residents are alleviated from suffering caused by the drought.

Governor Abdi observed that each of the targeted households would receive; 6 kgs of maize flour, 5kgs of rice and one litre of cooking oil.

In Garbatula sub county which was worst hit by the drought; 2,856 households received the food aid, while 5,000 households from Merti Subcounty benefited, 2,016 household in Oldonyiro, 3,400 Sericho, 2,015 Ngaremara and 6,000 others in Isiolo central did benefit from the program.





Later in the day Governor Abdi co-chaired a County Steering Group (CSG) meeting during which he was apprised on negative effects of the drought and response efforts undertaken by both the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) and development partners. After the meeting Governor Abdi announced that his government had suspended all development projects and diverted resources towards alleviating residents from all forms of suffering caused by the drought. "Our people are in dire need of food aid and their livestock, which is our mainstay, are dying. I have therefore made the decision to suspend all development projects so that we can use the resources to alleviate them from this suffering. My government will do all it can to ensure no single resident loses their life because of hunger," he said, adding that his administration would work closely with development partners to upscale water trucking targeting homes and schools.

Governor Abdi said his administration would also

provide feed for both livestock and wild animals, noting that the latter had equally suffered from the devastating drought. He reiterated his commitment to ensure that residents embrace agro-pastoralism as a mitigation measure to adverse effects of climate change.

The Governor challenged development partners to upscale both their schools' feeding and cash transfer programmes. As such, he observed that the latter plays a pivotal role in addressing malnutrition cases





GOVERNOR ABDI'S GOVERNMENT ROLLS OUT RELIEF FOOD DISTRIBUTION





Water scarcity is a common occurrence in Arid and Semi-Arid Land (ASALs) counties in Kenya. However, residents of Iresaboru, Sericho, and Bisan Biliqo, Isiolo County now have a reason to smile as the Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation project (SWASAP) in the ASAL is set to soon commence. This follows a week-long induction workshop that took place in late November on it for; IWASCO, County Government's water officers, and development partners implementing it.

Governor Abdi Ibrahim (Guyo) in September this year signed a Memorandum of Understanding for SWASAP with the Chairperson of the Water Sector Trust Fund Mr. Bill Lay, during which he pledged a 15% contribution from his administration towards SWASAP implementation.

'My administration will commit 15% of the total project costs towards its implementation. I shall personally ensure that SWASAP sustainably benefits our people',

Governor Abdi stated.

SWASAP will target 780 households for a water supply of 50,000m³, 950 households will benefit from water resource management and 500 households in 45 villages will benefit from sanitation interventions. Moreover, Red Cross will be implementing SWASAP interventions in Iresaboru and Sericho while World Vision in Bisan Biliqo.

The Governor was later in the year represented by CEC Water, Sanitation, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Mr. Ali Walio Sarite in a contract signing meeting on modalities that would inform implementation of SWASAP project. This meeting also witnessed the signing of an MOU for an additional SWASAP project that will be done by County Government of Isiolo and World Vision in Chari ward.

The SWASAP project is expected to change the water scarcity narrative that has for decades harrowed communities living in rural Isiolo County.



Roads are key drivers of socio-economic development of communities across different counties in Kenya. In particular, they do provide access to; employment, social, health and education services making them critical enablers in the fight against poverty. It is against this backdrop that H.E Abdi Ibrahim Hassan on 20 th September this year was joined by his Deputy, Dr. James Lowasa in a consultative meeting with officers from World Bank Kenya, Ministry of Transport and KENHA to discuss construction of the 740km Isiolo to Mandera road that will be passing through Kulamawe and Modogashe.

During the meeting officers from the Ministry of Transport informed Governor Abdi Ibrahim Has-

san that the World Bank will be financing construction of 365 kilometres from Isiolo- Kulamawe to Modogashe and Wajir.

The global financial institution will also finance 30 kilometres spur roads within urban areas.

They also brought him up to speed on the socio-economic infrastructure (Sub-projects) along the road. Among key sub-projects include; Dispensaries, Milk Coolers, Schools and Boreholes that were all identified by local communities through public participation.

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**Our County Our Pride,
Ostrich at Buffalo Springs
National Reserve in Isiolo**





Food production at substantial amounts in Isiolo County that can drive the food security agenda can best be realized when her farmers are exposed to best agricultural practices. As such, the department of Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries Development in mid-October organized a commemoration event of the World Food Day at Burat Ward.

Isiolo County Deputy Governor Dr. James Lowasa graced the event and was accompanied by County Executive Committee member (CECm) Tourism, Trade, Cooperatives and Enterprise Development Dr. Lawrence Mwangela. Speaking during the event, Dr. Mwangela asserted that

food security can only be achieved when Isiolo residents through social behavior change embrace

Over 20 varied exhibitors showcased; innovations, climate-smart technologies, products, and services to the public in line with food security.

diverse food types like fish and chicken.

“It is time that our people embrace diversified dietary behaviors. I believe this is one of the best ways for us, as a county, to achieve our nutritional and food security goals,” Dr. Mwangela asserted.

Similarly, Dr. Lowasa said that residents of Isiolo County have proved, if well supported, to be capable of feeding themselves and supplying food to neighboring counties. He also observed that, Governor Abdi Ibrahim’s government will in the coming months commence reviving of irrigation schemes such as; Malkadaka and Game Galana.

“I can assure that Governor Abdi is committed to realize substantial food production in our county. He has instructed concerned departments to plan





reviving of irrigation schemes in our

county as a measure of working towards food security,” Dr. Lowasa Said

He promised that Governor Abdi Ibrahim’s administration will work closely with them through the department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development and development partners to ensure Isiolo County becomes food secure.

Over 20 varied exhibitors showcased; innovations, climate-smart technologies, products, and services to the public in line with food security.

Organizers were advocating for; ‘better production, better nutrition and better environment’. The event was supported by; County Government of Isiolo, We World Onlus, World Food Program Kenya, Action Against Hunger in Kenya (ACF), World Vision, Kenya Climate Innovation Centre (KCIC) and CESVI

The World Food is commemorated across 150 countries of the world. Its goal is to promote global awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and to highlight the need to ensure healthy diets for all. The theme of the day was ‘Leave No one Behind’





**Our County Our Pride,
Lion with its cub at Shaba
National Reserve in Isiolo**





Forging partnerships for sustainable development is an important ingredient for the socio-economic transformation of counties. Driven by this desire, Isiolo County Governor Abdi Ibrahim Goyo in early December held talks with Direct-Aid Africa Muslim Agency Director Dr. Ismael Hassan, where they deliberated on various areas of partnership to address challenges facing residents. courtesy of the partnership building meeting, 50 young people from Isiolo will get full scholarships to pursue courses in; medicine, engineering, and education fields.

Governor Goyo and Dr. Ismael agreed that Direct-Aid Africa Muslim Agency will pay 50% of the cost, while the County Government of Isiolo will cater for the remaining 50% to ensure that the selected students complete their respective courses without any hitches.

According to Governor Goyo, the move is aimed at ensuring that the county has competent local personnel to provide quality service delivery in all parts of the vast county. This he said will assist the County Government in minimizing outsourcing of human resources from other areas of the country whenever the need arises.

“This partnership will assist Isiolo in developing her human resources which will in turn help us recruit our own instead of outsourcing. I believe this will also have an economic impact in the future as those we recruit will invest in their county,” Governor Goyo stated. Other areas of partnership with the agency include; drought response interventions through the provision of relief food to support families that have been hit hard by this year’s drought, and the drilling of boreholes in strategic locations to help address the huge challenge of water shortage in many parts of the county.

Goyo expressed his gratitude to Direct Aid Africa Muslim Agency for their commitment to making a huge contribution, especially towards education, and pledged to closely work with them to enroll more students to pursue various courses.

Governor Goyo is a product of the Direct Aid African Muslim agency; they laid a foundation for his life and molded him to be who he is. He lauded the agency for its support and contribution toward uplifting the less fortunate.





Isiolo County has again been blessed to host the 11th edition of desert wheel race 2022. The Desert Wheel Race is NONDO's patented annual flagship event in Kenya and beyond, that was started in Isiolo County in 2012. The Desert Wheel Race is the biggest sporting event in the country for the people living with disability. The National Disability Conference is one of the flagship events of the Desert Wheel Race organized by NONDO every year. The conference is about bringing together stakeholders to deliberate on matters disability.



The Desert wheel Race is about bringing out the sporting uniqueness of this event. This is the 11th edition of the Desert Wheel Race, with this year's theme focusing on advocating for the meaningful engagement of pastoralists with disabilities in the public decision-making process. In the 11th edition of desert wheel race, the winner in the Mens category was from Baringo county Mr. Richard Simeon, first runners up was from Turkana county and the 2nd runners up from Samburu county, and for Womens , Chellegat from Narok County clinched the top.



The Desert Wheel Race is a bridge to equality, integration and social inclusion of persons with disabilities and narrative changes around matters disability, Each year NONDO organizes The Desert Wheel Race as the main flagship event whose objective is to influence and shape an inclusive .





Isiolo County triumphs second best in Kenya, in the just concluded Emergency Medical Services/ FIRE Competitions 2022. The fire/EMS competition attracted over 300 fire, emergency and rescue practitioners. Kenya Council of Emergency Medical Technicians, Chief Fire Officers Association - Kenya, Africa Fire Mission and other partners attended the EMS FIRE Symposium and Competitions

2022. This year's THEME: **‘TOWARDS GROWING EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT EMERGENCY RESCUE AND RESPONSE TEAMS’**. The symposium is aimed at training participants on effective emergency preparedness and response. The competition took place at Kenya Airports Authority training school at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. The EMS and FIRE Symposium and competition 2022 is an interdisciplinary platform that brings together international, national and county governments and other key stakeholders to discuss, share, learn and demonstrate knowledge and skills as teams in emergency care especially around fire rescue and pre-hospital patient care.





Speaking during the meeting Governor Abdi advised officers from KENHA and Ministry of Transport not to commence construction without engaging his office on the socio-economic benefits that the people of Isiolo County stand to gain. He emphasized that he is accountable to the residents of Isiolo County and that his main interest in the project are their needs.

‘As the peoples, representative, please don't commence construction without consulting me further on how the road will benefit our people. My interest is the socio-economic benefit the road will bring to residents of Isiolo County,’ Governor Abdi Ibrahim Said adding that employment opportunities that will emerge from the project must prioritize residents.

Similarly, Governor Abdi has negotiated for 70% of employment opportunities to be handed to residents of Isiolo. Equally, some residents on whose land the proposed road will pass, will receive compensation from the national government through the National Land Commission (NLC).

The Isiolo-Mandera road is expected to spur economic growth in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALS) Counties of Isiolo, Wajir and Mandera.



GOVERNOR ABDI IBRAHIM IN OFFICIAL DUTIES OF SERVICE DELIVERY TO THE COUNTY





DEPUTY GOVERNOR DR. JAMES LOWASA VISITS HEALTH FACILITIES ACROSS ISIOLO



GOVERNOR ABDI IBRAHIM WORKS WITH OTHER ELECTED LEADERS TO NEGOTIATE FOR BETTER LAND COMPENSATION FROM THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION



GOVERNOR ABDI IBRAHIM LEADS COUNTY RESIDENTS IN COMMEMORATING NATIONAL HOLIDAYS





GOVERNOR ABDI IBRAHIM MOTIVATES THE YOUTH ON MATTERS OF SPORTS IN GARBATULLA SUB-COUNTY



SERIKALI YA KAUNTI MASHINANI





COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF ISIOLO INTERACT WITH THE PUBLIC IN KINNA WARD



BUNGE MASHINANI





Addressing community concerns through meaningful partnerships is an important platform that Governor Abdi Ibrahim's government embraces. It is for this reason that Isiolo County Secretary Dadhe Boru in Mid-December this year hosted a delegation from the European Union who were led by the European Union Ambassador to Kenya Her Excellency Henriette Geiger and a team from the National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC). Dadhe later attended a handing over ceremony of livelihood equipment and materials for 11 women and youth groups at the Ewaso Ngiro North Development Authority (ENNDA) office in Isiolo.



The 11 women and youth groups from Bulapesa, Wabera, and Burat had been supported with the equipment by NCTC through the Kenya – EU partnership for the implementation of the National Strategy to Counter Violent Extremism in Kenya project, a project being implemented by ENNDA.

The project is aimed at transforming the livelihood of community members economically and discouraging them from engaging; in terrorism activities, drug abuse, and any other outdated activities.

During the ceremony, Her Excellency Henriette observed that the EU is committed to supporting the devolution adding that more efforts will be put into Arid Counties which had been marginalized for some time by funding most of the projects.

“EU has been supporting devolution and hence there is a dire need of bringing the ASAL counties to the same level as other counties as they have been lagging in terms of development, “ Her Excellency Henriette Said.

She noted that women are the best caretakers of investment and them being brought on board in such a development project is a pointer in the right direction. She also said women were more likely to maximize the equipment they received and the project will help in building resilience in the community through them.



C.S Dadhe pointed out the need for the projects to be extended to other seven wards. This he stated was because cases of some youth joining Al-Shabaab have been reported in the remaining wards.

“It has been reported that several youths in the entire Isiolo county have been engaging in Violent Extremism. There is, therefore, a need for the project to be implemented in the entire county, ” Dadhe opined.

Additionally, he called upon the EU, NCTC, and ENNDA to support the county government in coming up with the Counter Violent Extremism Bill and support more training for women and youth to empower them economically.





**Our County Our Pride,
Grevy Zebra at
Shaba National Reserve**





The County Government of Isiolo
would like to take this opportunity

To wish

ALL THE RESIDENTS OF ISIOLO

a Happy

and a prosperous new year

2023





Our County Our Pride, Rhinoceros at Shaba National Reserve





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Prosperity*

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