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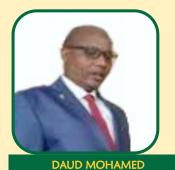




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Editor's Forward

Welcome to the 2nd issue of the 2020 Resort City Newsletter. The spread of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has challenged human interactions in all areas. Urgent need to prevent more infections, has resulted to authorities urge as many people as possible to practice social distancing. The new norm demands that people connect using modern communication technology.

Yet there exists limited understanding among some professionals how technology platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams can be optimally harnessed to enhance communication during this COVID-19 period. While some both in the public and private sectors have fully embraced these platforms to do their work, others are still lag behind. The County Government of Isiolo has had majority of its officers oriented on the use of modern communication technologies as a way of ensuring we adhere to Health protocols. All our meetings and trainings including those done in collaboration with development partners have also adopted all Health protocols provided by World Health Organization (WHO) and directives by Ministry of Kenya (MOH KENYA).

This issue of the Resort City Newsletter highlights strategies adopted in response to COVID-19 and development projects by County Government of Isiolo in this challenging period.

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H.E DR. MOHAMED KUTI GOVERNOR, ISIOLO COUNTY

The world is today facing a major Health challenge: the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) that has caused major socio-economic disruptions. Kenya's devolved health system has in the last 6 months uniquely proved to be a key driver in the urgent response required by this pandemic.

As a County we have rolled up our sleeves in ensuring that we are adequately prepared for COVID-19. To begin with we have established structures from the County level downwards to our Sub Counties, Wards and Villages. This structures have worked not only as reporting mechanisms but also as sensitization platforms on COVID-19 as well as reliable response avenues.

My government has also invested heavily in making sure our Referral hospital is adequately equipped to handle COVID-19 cases. We have purchased 7 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and 6 High Depency Unit (HDU) beds, 7 ventilators, 10 Oxygen concentrations and several patient monitors. In addition we have purchased 3 high end ASL ambulances that will greatly enhance our Referral system and trained our medics on handling of COVID-19.

Our county has also immensely benefited from the assistance of development partners that have always held our hands in this journey of fighting against an invisible enemy. We have had partners providing us with; handwashing facilities, face masks, sanitizers and vehicles. COVID-19 has however not completely hampered our committed to deliver quality services to residents of this great County.

As highlighted in this 2nd issue of the Resort City Newsletter, we have managed to continue with some of our development projects during this period like the construction of our ECDE centres, an earth Dam in one of our wards and our stadium.



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GOVERNORS' PRESS SERVICE

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF ISIOLO











Dr. Ahmed Galgalo County Secretary

From the onset of devolution, County Public Service across Kenya have never been forced to readjust their service delivery programs as they have this year. Disruptions caused by the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) have resulted to most public officers readjusting the day to day undertaking of their duties to a new norm.

In Isiolo County, as a way of adhering to World Health Organisation's (WHOs) guidelines and Ministry of Health Kenya (MOH_KENYA) directives on COVID-19, my office came up with dissimilar measures. For instance, to ensure adherence to social distancing, I instructed Chief Officers to have their Directors draw weekly duty rosters to enable officers to work in shifts. Apart from

requiring that every office has a hand washing station complete with water and soap, we also provided all our officers with sanitizers and masks.

Other measures that we have adopted in tackling spread of COVID-19 include public servant above 58 years and those with underlying health conditions to work from home or proceed on leave. My office has also carried out sensitization of our staff on the same and encouraged them to go for testing. To ensure work related meetings and trainings continue during this COVID-19 period, majority of our officers have had to equip themselves with skills on how to use modern communication technologies. The traditional way of conducting trainings especially those with our stakeholders has shifted to the use of platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft teams.

However, COVID-19 has not derailed all of work. We have during this period been able to establish a new County Public Service Board as the term for the previous board expired. My office has also worked closely with Chief Officers on staff establishment in partnership with the Kenya School of Government (KSG) and the County Public Service Board which will guide recruitment, promotion and redesignation. We have also successfully conducted our annual staff performance appraisal activities.





GOVERNOR KUTI UNVEILS INTESIVE CARE UNIT AND HIGH DEPENDENCE UNIT FACILTIES

From its onset when the first case was reported in Kenya, the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has continued to present dissimilar preparedness challenges for most county governments. However, residents of Isiolo County had their worries minimized after Governor Dr. Mohamed Kuti in early April this year commissioned six beds (6) capacity Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and seven beds (7) capacity High Dependence Unit (HDU) facilities at the Isiolo County Teaching and Referral Hospital (I.C.T.R.H).

Speaking when commissioning both facilities, Governor Mohamed Kuti reiterated that his government was committed to provide all residents of Isiolo County residents with high standards health care services. This he said citing that his government had invested in the latest available technology for the I.C.U and H.D.U facilities in terms of; Ventilators, Suction machines, Patient Monitors and Dual flow Oxygen concentrators.

"The facilities I have commissioned today are a testament of my administration's commitment to provide every resident of our County with high standard health care. We are not doing this only because of COVID-19 because even before it we had made several other investment in our hospital like; the Bio-safety laboratory, Oxygen plant and CT-Scan," Governor Kuti Said.

The Department of Health Services was also in mid May 2020 able to successfully follow up with the Ministry of Health Kenya

(MOH-K) for accreditation of the Bio-safety laboratory at ICTRH, a status that made it a regional COVID-19 testing centre. Additional, preparation efforts for COVID-19 were also directed towards thetraining of over 200 health workers and 100 Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) on its management.

Governor Kuti has however continually urged all residents to be vigilant and keenly observe MOH-K advisories and directives with regard to avoiding Coronavirus infections. He has also over this COVID-19 observed that his administration will continue using all available resources to ensure residents are better sensitized about COVID-19.

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Growing numbers of street children in urban centres is a societal problem that presents serious community concerns such as; drug abuse, rise in crime, teenage pregnancies as well as the danger of spreading communicable diseases. Mainly caused by dissimilar challenges in families, this issue has lately become more complicated given the emergence of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Therefore demanding immediate intervention from different stakeholders because street children, have a high chance of contracting COVID-19 due to the squalid conditions they live in.

It is against this backdrop, that Governor Mohamed Kuti's administration in early May this year rescued over 40 street children from the streets of Isiolo Town and housed them in 'Kambi ya Juu' Intergrated Primary School. And in mid-May Governor Kuti accompanied by some members of Isiolo County COVID-19 Emergency Response Committee visited the facility to assess progress on work done with respect to rehabilitating the former street children. Speaking during the visit, a happy Governor Kuti observed that his administration will continue working closely with any partner willing to collaborate with it to support the project. He also thanked all that had so far contributed towards the success of the project saying that his

administration will continue working closely with well wishers to ensure its sustainability. "We are not keeping these children here just because of COVID-19, we want a bright future for them. Officers from my government's relevant departments will closely monitor this project to ensure we realize none of these children goes back to the streets," Governor Kuti Said.

The Governor also observed street children are at high risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the conditions they live in. This he said adding that the project was very timely given the highly transmissible nature of COVID-19. Street-children are particularly at risk during this time because many have no access to clean water, healthcare and shelter which puts them at higher risk of developing complications. They also face discrimination and cruelty from communities who fear the deadly virus, and from those who are supposed to protect them.



Governor Kuti visiting the Kambi Ya Juu School





COUNTY GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT PARTNER BOLSTERS FOOD SECURITY EFFORTS

Food insecurity and acute malnutrition for children under five years are concerns that have for several years afflicted many households in Isiolo County. This predominantly caused by failure to embrace diverse agricultural practices from the mainstay



SweetPotatoes Vines

pastoralism to crop farming and the same exacerbated by frequent droughts. However, over the last two years Governor Dr. Mohamed Kuti's administration has through the department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries committed itself to continue reversing these social problems. It is against this backdrop that in late April this year under the Sustainable Food Systems the County Government of Isiolo in partnership with World Food Programme (WFP) launched the distribution of Non-Food Items (NFIs) and farm tools for small

scale farmers in the county. The consignment comprised of; 240 bags of Orange Fleshed Sweet Potatoes (OFSP) vines, Bee keeping equipment, farm tools e.g wheelbarrows, plastic watering cans, pangas, spades, and Agriculture engineering surveying equipment. Extension officers were notleft out as WFP gave out three Yamaha motorbikes for the important practice of agricultural extension.

While flagging off the NFIs and OFSP vines, Governor Kuti said the intervention is geared towards promoting agriculture both for food security and the addressing of issues of Malnutrition in the county. "I must appreciate World Food Programme for this donation that will really assist us not just to address issues of food security but equally issues of malnutrition that are both a huge concern among our people," Governor Kuti Said adding that the Orange Fleshed Sweet Potato will be of great



Motorbikes





COUNTY GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT PARTNER BOLSTERS FOOD SECURITY EFFORTS

benefit in addressing the common Vitamin A deficiency problems in the County.

Governor Kuti also called upon those who would benefit from the tools to maximally utilize them on their farms to enhance food production in the county. This he said noting that Isiolo County has large junks of unutilized productive land which if maximally tilled would produce a lot of food both for domestic use and commercial purposes.

Speaking in the same event, WFP's Head Field Officer Isiolo County, Mr. Charles Songok said that they had adopted a joint approach model that integrates leadership from the county government in designing the implementation of the sustainable food systems interventions in Isiolo County. "Ours is a partnership approach that brings in leadership from the County Government in helping us work with communities to identify and harness local potential and opportunities for food production, then mobilizing, support and strengthening the capacity of county institutions and communities to design and implement sustainable solutions to hunger and malnutrition themselves," Mr. Songok Said.

Additionally, the directorate of agriculture has from early May this year closely worked with World Food Programme (WFP) to distribute donated farm tools and 240 bags of Orange Fleshed Sweet Potatoes (OFSP) vines and train farmers in; Burat, Ngaremara, and Kinna wards on how to plant them. Equally through the same project the directorate of fisheries with support from WFP has redoubled

efforts of diversifying food options for households in the county by assisting 17 women and youth groups in construction of 15 sunken and 8 raised fish ponds. Sustainability of these food security measures are bolstered by trainings on pond management, feeds formulation and fish harvesting conducted by the directorate of fisheries.



Wheel Barrows



Sunken Fish Pond in Kinna



Raised Fish-Pond





TRANSFORMING EARLY CHILHOOD EDUCATION THROUGH MEANINGFUL INVESTMENTS

Research demonstrates that Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) has immeasurable benefits both to the children and eventually to the economy of a country. Meaningful investments towards ECDE are however critical for the realization of these benefits. Pivoted on this mantra, Governor Dr. Mohamed Kuti's administration through the Department of Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training has made tremendous investments in achievement of ECDE goals in Isiolo County.

In the last one year, the Department of Early



Childhood Education and Vocational Training has successfully constructed nine (9) Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) centres across different wards in the county. The ECDE centres that have been constructed are; Tullu Roba, Shambani, Lowangila, Galma Dido, Dusse, Kiwanja Ndege, Diid Abakiri, and Bula Bao ECDE centres. Speaking about this great milestone County Chief Officer Aileen Kajuju said that the centers will go a long way in enhancing the realization of access

basic education for all children in Isiolo County. "I really appreciate Governor Dr. Kuti's commitment towards the realization of access to basic education for all children in our county. It is his dedication towards this course that has enabled us to successfully invest in the construction of 9 ECDE centres in the financial year 2019/2020," Said Mrs. Aileen Kajuju.

Sustainable gains in Early Childhood Education (ECDE) demand that effective and efficient coordination is undertaken, driven by this need the department has also purchased 6 motorcycles that will be used by ward ECDE coordinators. The motorcycles will go a long way in enhancing access to ECDE centres in far-flung areas of Isiolo County thereby improving needs identification and timely response. Equally, investments have been made in Primary 2 (PP2) Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) approved teaching course books that will be distributed to all 155 ECDE centers in the County upon resumption from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) break.

In total Governor Kuti's administration has since his inauguration in August 2017 constructed 43 Early Childhood Education Centres across different wards in the County.







COUNTY GOVERNMENT EXTENDS A HAND OF COMPASSION TO INMATES

The National Government through Ministry of Health has identified prisons as high risk areas of possible mass infections of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This didn't however deter H.E Dr. Mohamed Kuti, Governor Isiolo County accompanied by Isiolo County Commissioner Mr. Herman Shambi and County Government officials led by County Secretary Dr. Ahmed Galgalo to in mid-May 2020 visit Isiolo G.K Prison. The purpose of this visit was to donate a variety of food and nonfood items to the correctional facility bought by County Government of Isiolo- Department of Special Programmes.

Speaking while handing over the donation, Governor Kuti observed that his Government was committed to assist Isiolo G.K Prison in every possible way to reduce chances of infections occurring in the correctional facility. "My government is committed to assist this correctional facility in every possible way to reduce chances of COVID-19 infections occurring here. We will work closely with leadership here to make sure that inmates have what they need during this period and do what is needed to keep COVID-19 out there," Governor Kuti Said adding that the correctional facility could be a dangerous incubation area if left unattended.

On his part Isiolo County Commissioner Mr. Herman Shambi observed prisoners should not be discriminated by those that have intentions of

helping the vulnerable during the COVID-19 period. This he said further citing that all of us are candidates for correctional facilities and should help prisoners transform by embracing such gestures. "It is not time to condemn inmates in such correctional facilities but time to extend hands of compassion by giving them essential commodities as these donated today," Said Mr. Shambi.

Among the items donated were; 400 mattress, 400 blankets, Four water tanks each of 10,000litres, 4 boxes of Tea leaves, 5 bags of Sugar each of 50kgs, 20 bags of rice each of 50kg, and 4 bales of salt. Also in attendance were County Executive Committee members (CECs) for Health Services Wario Galma and for Tourism and Trade Halima Gole and Chief Officers in charge of Special Programmes Abdia Dabaso and that in charge of Public Service Management, County Administration and ICT Mr. Mustafa Kuntulo.



Items Donated by County Government of Isiolo To Isiolo G.K Prison





COUNTY GOVERNMENT DEVELOPS PARTNERSHIP TO ADDRESS MALNUTRITION

In late February this year H.E Governor Dr. Mohamed Abdi Kuti hosted the head of mission USAID Kenya and East Africa, Mr. Mark Andrew Meassick, Mike De sisti, Regional Director USAID Food for Peace, Jessica Coulibaly Deputy Regional Director USAID Food For Peace, for the launch of NAWIRI program in Isiolo County. The 5 year program worth Ksh. 8.4 B funded by USAID will be implemented by Catholic Relief Services (C.R.S) in partnership with County Government of Isiolo and County Government of Marsabit to sustainably address the high levels of malnutrition in the respective counties.

The programme is meant to increase stakeholders understanding of driver's of persistent acute malnutrition, through a collaborated learning process involving local actors including communities and County Governments' systems. Other stakeholders that will be involved in the learning process are education institutions, civil societies and players in the private sector. Speaking during a courtesy call at Governor Kuti's offices, Mr. Mark Andrew Meassick, observed that the good political will of Isiolo County leadership characterized by mutual understanding between the legislators and the executive will no doubt make the Nawiri program sustainable. "It is the political



Governor Kuti After Signing the NAWIRI Program MOU

Goodwill that will make this program sustainable for the benefit of all residents of Isiolo," he said adding that this will reduce both poverty and the dire cases of malnutrition.

H.E Governor Kuti appealed to the donor to ensure locals also fully benefit from mid-level and high-level job opportunities during implementation of the program. Additionally, he was impressed that the programme seeks not only to address malnutrition but also build the capacity of his administration to sustain gains made through it. "I am particularly happy that this project will not only address issues of malnutrition in our county, but it will also enhance the capacity of different departments in my government which will ensure gains made are sustained," Governor Kuti Said adding that the people participation approach adopted by the program will ensure its success.

Also in attendance were Members of the County Assembly (M.C.A) led by Isiolo Assembly Speaker Hussein Golicha, County Executive Committees Members (CECMs) County Chief Officers and representatives of other development partners in the county.





GOVERNOR KUTI'S ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTS HOME FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN





Governor Kuti hands Over Cheque

It was Nelson Mandela who said "disabled children are equally entitled to an exciting and brilliant future." These words seem to have been echoed by the noble actions of H.E Governor Dr. Mohamed Kuti when in early April this year he led a group of senior officers in his administration to hand a cheque of Ksh.5, 000,000 to Almasi Children's Village.

Almasi Childrens' Village was established in November 2007 as a place of refuge for physically challenged children in Isiolo County and was at that time supported by the Dutch Support Group in Kenya (DSGK). The home which takes care of children suffering from; cerebal palsy, autism, and epileptic conditions was later handed over to the community in 2014 after the DSGK left and has

been struggling ever since.

Moved by their plight, Governor Kuti's administration has for the last two years supported the home. Specifically, the Special Programmes department has supported the home financially, support that has gone a long way in meeting theneeds of children under their care. Speaking during this year's hand over of the monetary support Governor Kuti said that his heart is close to children that are physically challenged noting that his government will continue to support the home.

"This is not the first time nor is it the last we are supporting Almasi. My government through the Special Programmes department will continue supporting this noble work," he said.

Almasi Children's Village also offers different services to the children under its care such as; distribution of mobility assertive devices, physiotherapy and occupation therapy, play therapy and vocational training.



Chief Officer Special Programmes Abdia Dabaso Handing Over Dummy Cheque to Almasi Management.







Safe and Clean water is an essential commodity both for human and animal life survival. Its scarcity therefore is a major impediment to food and energy production and other key aspects of modern life. Residents of Parkuruk village, Oldonyiro ward in Isiolo County has for a long time suffered water scarcity a situation that has overtime adversely affected their lives and livelihoods. However, for these residents this will be a thing of the past as the County Government of Isiolo under the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture (KCSAP) is constructing a multi-million earth dam that commenced in April last year.

The earth dam which has a capacity 80,000 M³ will be a reliable source of water both for domestic use and irrigation. Once complete the project will directly benefit a population of 210 residents, 500 households and a total of an estimated 2,612 county residents. Apart from access to water, residents will also benefit from reclamation of 2.5 acres and 5 acres of land that will be for used to plant vegetables to improve nutrition and grass for small-scale livestock fattening purposes respectively. Additionally, to further improve income generation, residents will be provided with 300 bee hives for honey production.

Speaking in a recent project visit, County Executive

Committee Member (CECm) in charge of

Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development Dr. Lawrence Mwongela said the project will transform lives as different components will enhance fresh farm food and livestock production for nutrition and income generation. "This particular project will cause an immense transformation in the lives of residents, apart from making available clean and safe drinking water for them it will improve their food production both for their use and for the market," Said Dr. Mwongela.

Other components of the project include; 24,000 metres of fanya juu terraces, 20 controlled gullies and cut-of-drains of 4,000 metres. These will bolster the rehabilitation efforts in the area. A compensation plan is also been considered for those that will be affected by a possible expansion of the dam's electric fence. Project engineers project that it will be operational by September of this year.







MEDICAL TRAINING COLLEGE'S LEADERSHIP LAUDS COUNTY GOVERNMENTS' COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS



In early May 2020 Isiolo County Teaching and Referral Hospital (ICTRH) was privileged to host the Coronavirus (COVID-19) preparedness coordinator in charge of; Eastern, Nairobi, Central and Coastal regions Professor Philip Kaloki who also doubles up as the chairperson Board of Directors Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC). During his visit Professor Kaloki lauded the Isiolo County COVID-19 Response Committee and the department of health services for the extensive preparedness they had and continued to put in place against the spread of COVID-19 in the County.

Speaking at ICTRH during the fact finding mission on the level of preparedness towards combating COVID-19, Professor Kaloki said a lot of efforts has been put at the county's largest hospital among them; establishment of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and High Dependence Unit (HDU) wards as well as the conducting of several trainings for health personnel. This he said further citing that the County Government of Isiolo and especially the Department of Health Services is working extra hard in the fight against COVID-19 by ensuring those who are entering and leaving Isiolo County have undergone temperature screening. Professor Kaloki also reported that KMTC was ready to partner with the County Government in the fight against COVID-19. "We are more than ready

to work with the County Government of Isiolo in this war against this common invisible enemy that is why we allowed the KMTC classrooms to be used as ICU and HDU centers as well as recovery wards, "Professor Kaloki Said adding that was why KMTC gave two vehicles to the Department of Health Services for purposes of conducting the contact tracing process of those might that have interacted with persons that test positive.

Additionally, following Professor Kaloki's visit the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) assisted the County Government of Isiolo with two specialized nurses who will be dealing with COVID-19 critical cases at the ICU. KMTC has also been catering for food for patients who are at some quarantine and isolation centers.



Speaking during the same event, County Chief Officer in charge of Health Services Mr. Ibrahim Alio promised that his department would continue putting more efforts in ensuring COVID-19 numbers are low and county residents are protected from possible infections. "The two vehicles we have received from KMTC will assist us to double our efforts in contact tracing as we also carry out massive Coronavirus testing. This we will do after every two days to ensure those who test positive are isolated from the community as a way of curbing the spread of the deadly virus in the community," Mr. Alio Said.







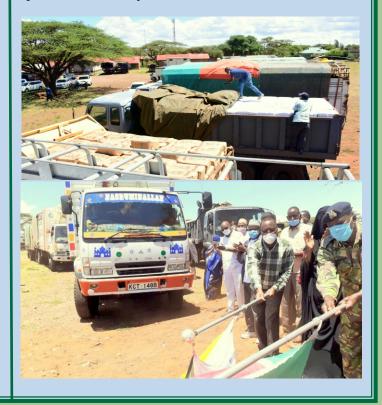


The onset and spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in Kenya and dissimilar health directives and restrictions has left many families with no source of income. Livelihoods and house economies are now under an enormous threat as majority due to restrictions such as curfew hours are no longer engaged in their daily businesses. As numbers of those infected with the virus continue to rise, many vulnerable households mostly the urban and rural poor are today going hungry.

Overtime COVID-19 has exacerbated food insecurity in many counties including the traditional food baskets in the country as agricultural production as well as food imports have been hampered by a combination of travel restrictions and physical distancing measures. To cushion vulnerable households in Isiolo County, H.E Governor Dr. Mohamed Kuti in Mid-April this year flagged off relief food (mainly maize meal) at Isiolo Police Mess to be distributed to 16,000 households in the county. Speaking during the flagging off ceremony, Governor Kuti said that his government is a responsible government that understands the plight of its people especially the vulnerable in these trying times of Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"We are a responsible government that is why we are providing 16,000 households with maize meal today to cushion them from food shortages an adverse effect of COVID-19. We will also in a few days provide them with beans and cooking oil to ensure a balanced diet is achieved," Governor Kuti Said.

The food consignment was purchased by the Department of Special Programmes which later worked closely worked with Sub-County and Ward Administrators to monitor distribution to different parts of the County.







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PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TO COMBAT COVID-19

Effective handling of life threatening crisis caused by pandemics such as Coronavirus (COVID-19) needs well coordinated leadership. Isiolo County COVID-19 Emergency Response Committee has over the last few months demonstrated this kind of leadership by navigating the county through the COVID-19 pandemic which has adversely effected socioeconomic growth of residents. The committee which meets every Thursday has its members drawn from representatives of different stakeholders including those from; County Government of Isiolo, the National government, Religious leaders from dissimilar faiths and Isiolo County Civil Organizations Network (ICCN).





Committee meetings are Chaired by Governor Mohamed Kuti and Co-Chaired by Isiolo County Commissioner Mr. Herman Shambi in which members deliberate on several issues; the public's adherence to Ministry of Health (MOH-K) directives, disbursement of donations to vulnerable groups earmarked for mitigation of effects of COVID-19 and adherence to curfew. Speaking about work done by the committee and its achievements, Governor Kuti observed members have over the period since its inception demonstrated immense sacrifice in coming up with initiatives to prevent further spread of COVID-19 in Isiolo.

"I appreciate all concerted efforts by Isiolo County COVID-19 Emergency Response Committee directed towards effective and efficient preparedness to combat this pandemic. It is their individual and collective sacrifices that have in a huge way contributed to our success," Governor Kuti Said.

The committee has also led by example as apart from meeting physically, it has also in line with Ministry of Health Kenya (MOH-K) guidelines and Public Service Commission directives been holding virtual meetings on Information Communication Technology platforms.







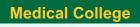


Governor visit ICU programme



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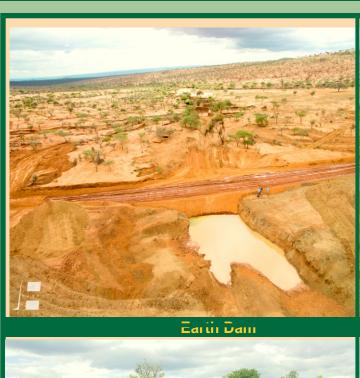




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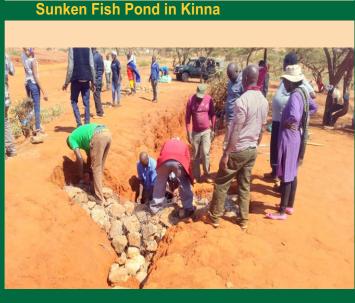
















Raised Fish-Pond







Governor Kuti Extends Compassion to Inmates



Items Donated by County Government of Isiolo To Isiolo G.K Prison

Sweet Potatoes Vines









Governor Kuti Chats with one of the Street Children







Kiwanja Ndege ECDE Centre

Governor Kuti visiting the Kambi Ya Juu School





Governor issuing Food Relief









Governor Kuti hands Over Cheque

Governor Kuti gave food relief to prisoner



Chief Officer Special Programmes Abdia Dabaso Handing Over Dummy Cheque to Almasi Management.





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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF ISIOLO COVID-19 COMMITTEE INITIATIVE

















LAUNCHING OF THE THREE COUNTY AMBULANCES







COVID-19 COMMITTEE MEETING

























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