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A secure, just, integrated and prosperous county where all enjoy full potential and high quality of life.

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Facilitation of an inclusive participatory engagement in development; creation of a vibrant and welcoming environment that allows optimal utilization of available resources.





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Editor's Note



Welcome to the first edition of the Resort City newsletter, this is a quarterly publication of the County Government of Isiolo.

This edition is a summative print reel of the events and progress of the County Government of Isiolo in informing residents of the county.

It is informative to County Government staff as well as our development partners. The quarterly Publications will highlight on the progress of all the County Government's projects and increase awareness on Governor's development agendas to the people of Isiolo County.

I welcome you to delve into this quarter's edition and be informed of our county's socio-economic progress.

Antony Kiarie,
Director, Information and
Public Communication.

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H.E DR. MOHAMED KUTI
GOVERNOR, ISIOLO COUNTY

Devolution has undeniably proved to be the only hope of actualizing meaningful and sustainable development given its consultative and decision making processes. For a long time since independence, Isiolo remained marginalized! However, with the promise of devolution we have been able to change this narrative. My administration has specifically in the last two years conceived development ideas that have changed and continue to transform the face of our county.

In reasserting my administration's commitment to provide Universal Health Coverage (U.H.C) we have; strengthened our health human resource base by employing more nurses, brought in new machinery, timely provided drugs and other medical supplies and refurbished our referral hospital's laboratory. We have also built partnerships that have seen us start implementation of a community primary health program which is slowly revolutionizing health care at the grassroots. I did also visit New York for the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), in October this year, a visit that will also bring in donors targeting the upgrading of more health centres in all our Sub-Counties.

My government strongly believes in partnerships for sustainable development. In this regard, mid this year, as your Governor I did sign a Memorandum with the Department for International Development (DFID) for Sustainable Urban Economic Development (SUED) for road infrastructural development, solid waste management and value addition projects. In the last four months my government has also hosted the United States Ambassador to Kenya and The Four NORDIC Ambassadors, visits that hold great development promises for our people.

We also continue to keep the water promise we made to the great people of Isiolo County by drilling boreholes, operationalizing faulty ones and providing emergency water trucking services. My administration has also strengthened the human resource base in this department by recruiting more technical officers to respond to needs in the event they arise.

The Resort City Newsletter which is a quarterly publication of the County Government of Isiolo will highlight some of the development milestones that my administration has carried out in all sectors in this quarter. Readers will attest that my government has despite the challenges, made great strides in addressing the problems of our people.



**H.E DR. ABDI ISSA
DEPUTY GOVERNOR,
ISIOLO COUNTY**

I understand that a thriving society is highly dependent on the responsiveness of its government and we have in the past two years proved to you, that we are listening devolved Government.

This we have done by introducing a public participation framework that has overtime eased the flow of information and public involvement in the decision making process that has ensured the inclusion of every Isiolo citizen in all matters of governance. Through this process, the people have been able to identify which problem they are facing and recommended the solutions that they think are best for them, enabling us to do bottom to top involvement in decision making and participation while at the same time investing in assured projects by public and promoting accountability and transparency for better monitoring and evaluation of each project.

The County Government of Isiolo and I are in full support of H.E President Kenyatta's war against corruption, as a County we have taken

measures to promote good governance, proper management of public affairs at the same time promoting trust and professionalism in all our departments. This has helped us deepen accountability and transparency in our departments and has also improved the quality of service delivery to the residents of Isiolo.

I believe through your support coupled with our pioneering zeal as a government, we will propel our County's development to be one of the most successful devolved Governments in our beloved country.

As promised in our manifesto, we have already started implementing our promised reforms through our County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022 which is aligned with H.E President Kenyatta's four main National Agendas which include: Enhancing Manufacturing, Food Security and Nutrition, Universal Health Coverage (U.H.C) and Affordable Housing.



Dr. Ahmed Galgalo
County Secretary

First and foremost, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the editorial team in the Directorate of Information and Public Communication under the Office of the Governor, for this noble initiative. The newsletter will immensely contribute to dissemination of factual and reliable information within and outside the County.

Communication is the cornerstone of any organization's success. Effective communication ensures continuous flow of information between all relevant parties thus reducing the potential of misunderstanding, dissatisfaction and lack of trust.

Communication through this newsletter will bring sanity and structured way of doing business. The staff in the County Government is encouraged to use this medium of communication to air their success and achievements.

The Constitution of Kenya 2010 ushered in devolved system of governance with two levels of Government i.e. National and County Governments with accompanying functions. Article 233 of the constitution created the Public Service Commission to administer the Public Service while Section 57 of the County Government Act established County Public Service Boards to manage human resources at the County Public Service.

The county public service is expected to play the pivotal role of implementing County Government policies through priority development programmes. The realization of the county development goals is premised on an effective and efficient County Public Service (CPS).

Despite the challenges experienced in the management of the County Public Service (CPS), the

high expectation from citizen on service delivery coupled with limited resources demanded a transformed CPS. The Governor's Manifesto underscored transformation of county public service that is in tandem with the National Values and Principles of Governance spelt out in Article 10, Values and Principles of Public Service under Article 232 and provisions of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and Integrity.

Some of the measures we have adopted geared towards transformation include; Recruitment of qualified, skilled and competent staff, updating of staff compliment/establishment though monthly departmental staff returns to ensure Bonafede county employees, improvement of staff health and welfare through provision of comprehensive medical cover by National Hospital Insurance Fund, enhancing staff performance through competency and performance based trainings and streamlining of records management by establishing and equipping central registry.

Additionally, the county public service has achieved major milestones in its transformation journey. We have as a team; enhanced efficiency, effectiveness, accountability and responsiveness in service delivery, Inculcated and entrenched performance oriented culture among county public servants, continued achievement of strategic goals and objectives in the County Integrated Development Plan 2017-2022, the development blue print for the County Government anchored in Vision 2030, the Country's transformation agenda, attracted donors and development partners by creating favourable conditions for them and established a disciplined workforce.

In conclusion, I wish to affirm that the County Government of Isiolo under the able leadership of H.E. the Governor is determined and committed to transforming the County Public Service to engineer the realization of County Vision, Mission and Strategic Development Goals. This will go a long way in enhancing the livelihoods of Isiolo residents to enjoy high quality of live.



Dear Isiolo County Residents.

An eventful year for our County, and, indeed, for our families and communities, has drawn to a close. We thank God for his grace, which he gives without limit even when we do not merit it.

You may have had some really good memories about the past one, but you never know what's the new one is bringing for you. It's time to be hopeful, have new dreams and make some new resolutions for the New Year in your life, it's time to connect with each other and make New Year wishes. It's time to move on and embrace what's new.

COUNTY COHESION AND STABILITY



My Fellow Residents,

The resulting peace and calm in our county is helping the economy to grow even stronger and has returned the focus to development for the sake of Isiolo communities. It is a clear demonstration that our dreams of prosperity as

individuals, families, and as a County, are inseparable from our unity.

I, therefore, urge every resident of our great County, every business be it small or large enterprise, every Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs), Churches and Mosques to commit to take, in year 2020, concrete and practical steps to solidify the foundation of our unity.



I urge you to reach out to one another, initiate social and cultural programmes that bring all the communities of Isiolo County together irrespective of their; Creed, Ethnic, Colour, Religion and or place of origin. Our building of bridges of reconciliation and social harmony here at home is mirrored by our local customised policy and shared purpose externally.

New Year means a lot of new dreams and new achievements. People throughout the world anticipate eagerly for this time of year to celebrate the memories they made in the past year and to



welcome the new one. If you are excited about the New Year that's soon to be taking place, it's time to look at these unique New Year messages and wishes because you really need to wish your dearest ones a happy New Year!

P A S T R E F L E C T I O N S



My Fellow Residents, Ringing in the New Year is cause for celebration, for spending time with friends and family, and for reflecting. A lot can happen in a year and between the good, the bad, and the ugly, this may seem like an understatement for most. As glasses are raised and fireworks explode into the sky, it's important to recognize the special symbolism this holiday brings with it. A time of new beginnings and fresh starts, also comes with a time of reflection. Whether your resolutions consist of maintaining the past momentum keeping your hands or giving your heartfelt word to work on relationships with loved ones, it can take work. And it can make all the differ-

ence to put these hopes into words and warm wishes. Seeing is believing!!!

The New Year is a time, when many of us seek to bring new order in their lives. At that time we are engaged in much planning. The New Year is for many people a time, when they are thinking decisions of different kind. Many persons want to spend the New Year better than previous. The end of the year is magic border, when we think that everything is possible, everything is only before us. Since many persons are doing plans of different kind, New Year wishes can refer to these plans. Inventing wishes is simply, when we know what decisions our family and friends have.

C H A L L E N G E S



My Fellow Residents, We have had natural and political challenges relating to drought and flooding catastrophes in various parts of the County such as; Gafarsa, Iresaboru, Cherrab and other areas and my Administration did respond to mitigate them. In



future, we shall liaise with the Ministry of Development and other Nation Government's agencies, to get equipped with early warning systems to avert disasters with utmost speed. We formed a special team to facilitate relocation efforts and already we are putting in place social amenities/ security along the highway to aid the process.

In the Health sector, we have streamlined and fared better than previous years and we shall continue improving on it more.

We are currently focused on modalities and framework to put in place ahead of scaling up Universal Health Care (U.H.C) services across the country for a wider impact as it has proved to be successful in our County. In the same vein, we have hosted a delegation of the four NORDIC Ambassadors (Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden) and the objective was to link the community health strategy, initiated by my administration in partnership with Living Goods with the ICPD+25 conference that took place in Nairobi. Years come and pass but what it takes to make them worthwhile is someone's unconditional spirit, wonderful memories and zest offered to live them fully. You have given me all of these and much more in 2019 and I know there will be more to come from you in 2020. We have partnered with various development partners such as USAID Kenya on development of food security and nutrition along other three coun-

ties to a tune of Kshs. 18B with fundamental aim of eradicating malnutrition.

COMMUNITY LAND ISSUE



My Fellow Residents,
On the issue of land which has caused a lot of heat, let it be clear to my fellow Isiolo residents, that all land in Isiolo County fall under community land jurisdiction of the County Government. However, for settlement areas within a certain radius depending on activities, my administration requested these to be under adjudication so that individual plot owners acquire their respective Title Deeds.

Following the eviction notice by the Kenya Defence Forces (K.D.F), against communities in Burat and Ngaremara, my government has initiated negotiations with the Cabinet Secretary for Defence Hon. Rachel Omamo. I am happy to

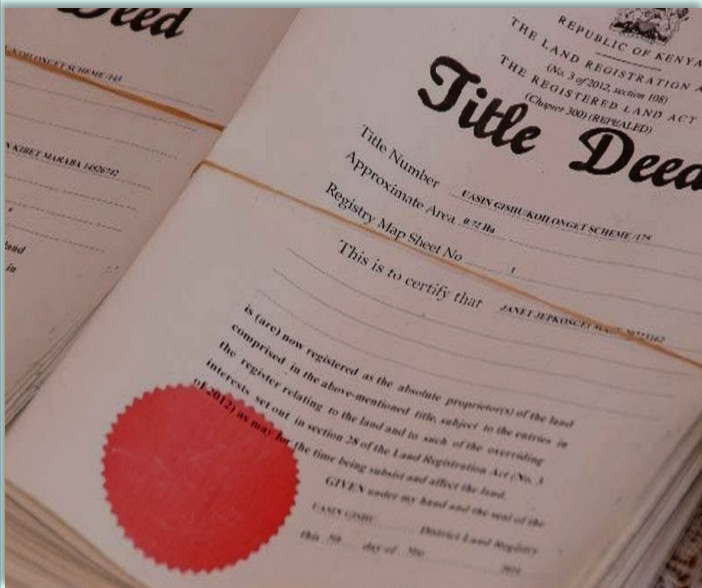


report that the honourable C.S has agreed to, in the near future plan for a meeting with other K.D.F top brass on the same, with the view of amicably resolving the matter without necessarily displacing residents that have for a long time settled in the affected areas.

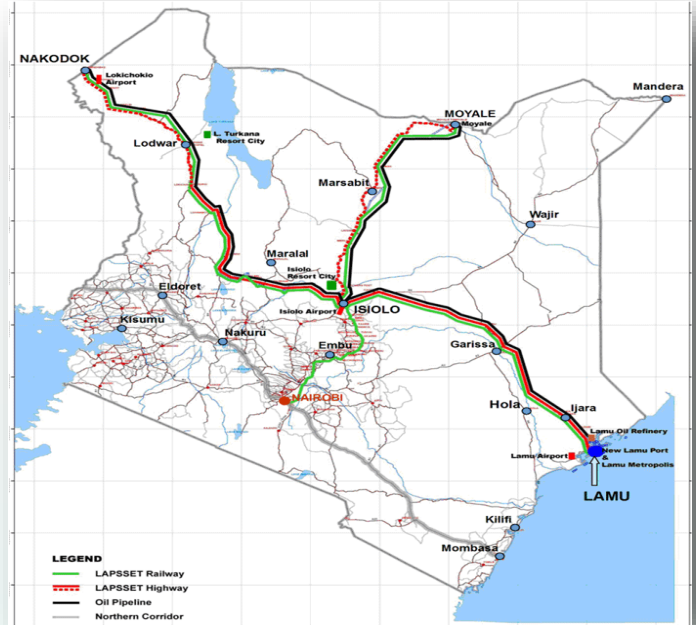
My government shall relentlessly pursue this issue in the interest of the community. On Legal Notice No. 150 which was issued by the Cabinet Secretary in charge of Lands and Physical Planning; Hon. Farida Karoney that puts community land under adjudication, my administration worked tirelessly with the Boundary and Dispute Resolution Committee, held meetings with the relevant bodies before settling on amendment.

I want to assure the public that adjudication will be done within the planned settlement areas while the rest of the land remaining under community grazing land.

My administration is also still reaching out to those with divergent opinions to get amicable and agreeable solutions once and for all.



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The Lamu port – South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport corridor will be Kenya’s second largest transport route upon its completion, my administration is closely working with the Ministry of Land and other relevant bodies to ensure that those affected will fully be compensated.

EDUCATION SECTOR



My Fellow Residents,

I wish to congratulate our students that worked hard in their studies registering remarkable improvement in both the 2019 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.PE) and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E). I am



very grateful to the different stakeholders; parents, teachers and school's Boards of Management that made invaluable contribution to this outstanding performance.



In this regard, I had rare privilege to preside over the first ever Isiolo County Education Conference that was organized by my administration in partnership with various stakeholders in the education sector. The theme of the conference was "Quality Education, our responsibility", "Elimu bora wajibuwetu". Conference participants identified several issues ailing the education sector in the county including; drug abuse, absenteeism related to pastoralism, poor schools' infrastructure, teenage pregnancies, lack of coordination of different bursaries, failure by fathers to provide guidance and de-localization of teachers.

Different leaders in attendance re-emphasized the need to work with national government security officers to address the drug issue, harmonize various available bursaries and motivation of teachers from schools whose performance was good. I will in the New Year

(2020), with the assistance of development partners hold another conference to establish progress on issues discussed during the 2019 conference.

B U S I N E S S



F e l l o w R e s i d e n t s , I want to let every entrepreneur and person running a small business know that they are the backbone of our county's economy. We have not done as much as we should do to support you. In 2020, I promise you that my Administration will make every possible effort to take practical measures to make it easier for you to grow your business.

We will explore policies across the range of government, including local revenue regulations, access to credit and measures to enable you adopt modern technology so as to enhance your productivity and competitiveness. Let us respect and celebrate our differences, and use them to build a more vibrant citizenship. No Kenyan is an island, far removed and isolat-





ed from the needs and desires of the rest of the country. As you plan to prosper as an individual, plan to do so in an honest way. Let your success not only bring benefit to you but to others around you as well. We are among piloting counties selected by the American Chamber of Commerce conference at UN Gigiri. Isiolo has been chosen alongside seven other counties to benefit from Trumps Prosper Africa program. This initiative involves supporting small and medium business, formation of county business association, linking local businesses with markets in the US and attracting US investors to the county.

I intend to quickly take advantage of this initiative to set up special economic zones in Isiolo County to attract US manufacturing and hence create youth employment.



Let 2020 be our year for County revival and renewal; a year when we water the seeds planted in the preceding years so that they may sprout and grow into a strong and towering tree; a tree whose fruits are bountiful and en-

joyed by each and every resident of Isiolo County.



Wishes of success in the coming year 2020!. Let the New Year 2020 abound in professional successes; bring satisfaction and satisfaction from the actions and challenges taken, and all well-being in our personal life! Sending my heartiest New Year wish for you! It is my humble privilege, as the Isiolo County Governor, to wish all residents, brothers and sisters across the Republic and the World, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

God bless you all, and God bless the people of Isiolo County.

H.E GOVERNOR MOHAMED KUTI, EGH

GOVERNOR, ISIOLO COUNTY

1st January, 2020





NORDIC Ambassadors at Isiolo County Referral Hospital

H.E Dr. Mohamed Abdi Kuti Governor, Isiolo County in Mid October last year hosted four NORDIC Ambassadors (Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden) to Kenya at his office. The Ambassadors' learning visit was informed by success of the Community Primary Health Strategy (CPHS) that the County Government of Isiolo is implementing in partnership with Living Goods. Through the CPHS, the County Government of Isiolo has from June 2019, established 18 community units, trained 720 Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) and provided mobile phones with an M-Health platform for them to respond to diseases at remote grassroots.

Focus was also linked on how to share lessons learnt at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) after 25 years to be held in Nairobi from the 12th -14th of next month. Speaking during the visit, Governor Kuti reiterated the importance of involving people at the grassroots level in seeking lasting solutions to health issues.

"The Community Primary Health Strategy (CPHS) that my administration is implementing is slowly revolutionizing response to diseases in rural set-ups," he said adding that the model has been adopted by the Ministry of Health (MOH) as a pilot to be rolled out to all 47 counties.

The four Ambassadors also praised the Community Primary Health Strategy (CPHS) emphasizing it should form part of the discussions during the ICPD 25 years +. "We are happy with what we are hearing about and seeing on the success

of the Community Primary Health Strategy (CPHS) that the County Government of Isiolo under the leadership of Governor Kuti is implementing," Said the NORDIC Ambassadors.

The visit was concluded at the New Born unit at the Isiolo County Teaching and Referral Hospital (ICTRH) whose renovations was funded by



NORDIC Ambassadors meet Isiolo County Governor H.E Dr. Mohamed Kuti at his Office on 17th October 2019

NORDIC countries through United Nations Family Planning Activities (UNFPA). Here they all lauded work been done at the ICTRH with specific attention to maternal health during births, that are now attended to by trained staff.

The Nairobi Summit attracted more than 100 countries and focus revolved around; Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), elimination of Gender Based Violence (GBV) and harmful cultural practices such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).



NORDIC Ambassador's at Isiolo County Teaching & Referral Hospital





H.E Dr. Mohamed Kuti flagging off the 8th Edition of the Desert Wheel Race held in Isiolo on 12th October 2019.

Isiolo County was once again privileged to host the Dessert wheel Race (DWR) from the 10th to 12th October last year whose theme was ‘Disability and Tourism-Promoting Accessible Tourism’. The annual event commenced with a National Disability Conference held at the Shaba Sarova Lodge in which participants were required to identify issues linked to accessibility to tourism affecting Persons Living with Disabilities (PWDs). Participants were also required to develop resolutions accessible tourism to be presented to Leadership at their respective counties and at the National Government level.

During the Conference, Isiolo County Assembly Speaker Hon. Hussein Roba Golicha stated that the County Assembly had recently passed an Act requiring all new constructions in the county have ramps. On his part, Governor Kuti re-emphasized of his administration’s commitment in ensuring all tourists destinations in the County are disability friendly. “My government will from this financial year 2019/2020 provide PWDs with grants for business following the enactment of the Women, Youth and Persons with Disability Act,” he added.

The Conference was followed by a fashion show for women PWDs whose theme was ‘beautability’. Speaking during the event, Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB) CEO Dr. Ezekiel Mutua reiterated that all levels of government should develop avenues that PWDs can use to showcase their talents. “Persons Living with Disabilities are talented differently and all is needed is to provide them with a conducive environment and opportunities for their individual economic gains,” Said Governor Kuti.

The 21 Km wheel race took place on Saturday the 12th October 2019 with participants indeed demonstrating; no human is limited. The men’s race was won by Timothy Ekeno from Turkana County while the women’s race was won by Peris Njambi from Laikipia County. Both winners were awarded with prize monies that they were encouraged to invest for personal growth. Speaking after the race, Governor Kuti announced that under his government will annually offer sponsorship for 12 teachers to undergo training on sign language as measure of responding to the needs of those that are hearing impaired.

The Dessert Wheel Race is an annual event held in Isiolo County to raise awareness on the abilities of PWDs and is funded by County Government of Isiolo in partnership with the Northern Nomadic Disabled Persons Organization (NONDO).





H.E Dr. Mohamed Kuti at the education conference held in isiolo on 23th October 2019



Members of the teaching fraternity and parents association Listening keenly during the Education Conference.

Education plays a significant role in the socio-economic empowerment of a people, enabling many to realize their dream careers and or developing their entrepreneurial skills. In Isiolo County however, performance in education has exhibited worrying trends with very small numbers of candidates joining colleges and universities across the county. To identify issues ailing the sector and establish sustainable solutions for them, the County Government of Isiolo under the leadership of H.E Dr. Mohamed Kuti in partnership with various stakeholders in the education sector in early November 2019 held an education conference in Isiolo town.

Key stakeholders present were; Parent Associations (PAs) from schools across the county, Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) county officials, County Teacher Service commission, Boards of Management (BOMs), Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) ward coordinators, Members of the County Assembly of Isiolo, representatives from the National

Council for Nomadic Education in Kenya and various development partners whose programmes target education.

Conference participants identified several issues ailing the education sector in the county including; drug abuse, absenteeism related to child labour, poor schools' infrastructure, teenage pregnancies, lack of coordination of different bursaries, failure by fathers to provide guidance and de-localization of teachers. "We need as pastoralists to disengage our children from looking after our livestock and drop harmful retrogressive cultural practices if we are to realize improved academic performance and compete with other regions in our country," Said Harun Yussuf C.E.O National Council for Nomadic Education in Kenya (NACONEK).

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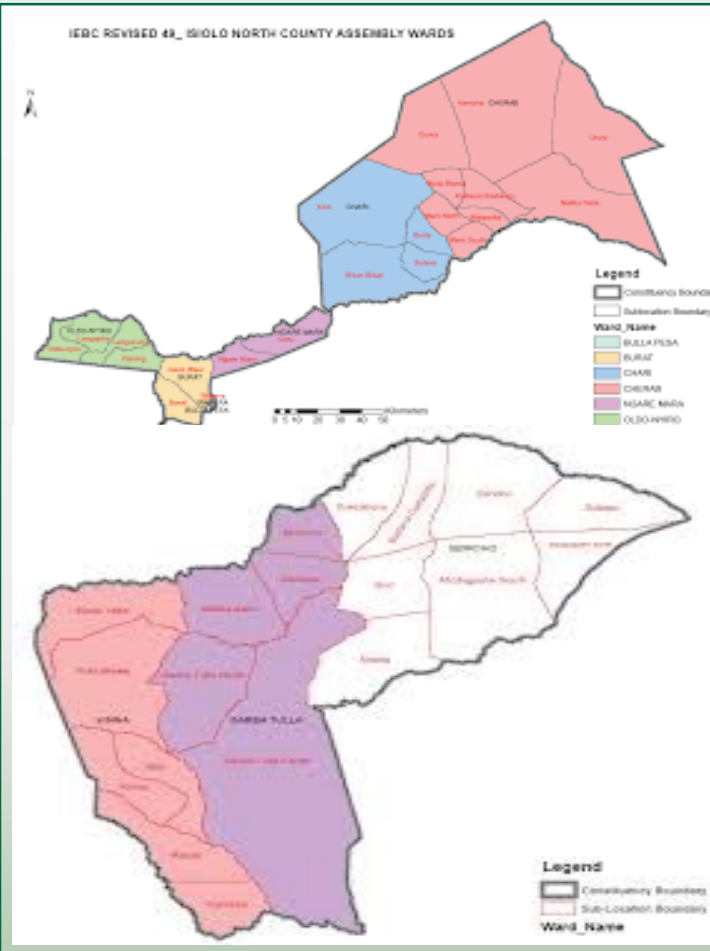
A section of Isiolo Modern Market under construction

A modern market is coming up in Isiolo Town that will open up the commerce potential of the County and neighboring Northern Frontier Counties. Positioned to economically transform the lives of Isiolo County residents, Isiolo Modern Market a flagship project of H.E Dr. Mohamed Kuti is inspired by the need to reap from the benefits of various LAPSSET projects running through the County.

Envisaged to be completed in two and a half years, the three-storey building will provide business space of an estimated 1,500 stalls. This, leadership in the County Government of Isiolo say will create employment opportunities for youth and women positively impacting on an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 households. Once complete, the project is also set to decongest part of Isiolo Town. “Most of

our traders are currently selling their farm produce and other industrial home use products along our town’s busy roads, this will cease once construction of the market is done,” Said Mr. Osman Isiolo Municipality Manager.

Speaking about the market, H.E Governor Kuti said construction of the modern market is in line with one of his four agendas and specifically that of infrastructural development. He also did note that the market will provide linkages for rural pastoral farmers that seek to sell their animal products and purchase inputs for value addition. “The market will work to increase my administration’s revenues that can be channeled towards other development projects,” Said Governor Kuti.



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A 62 SEATER BUS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, AND WILD-LIFE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF ISILO TO PROMOTE LOCAL TOURISM





Isiolo County Governor, H.E Dr. Mohamed Kutu, addressing members of the teaching fraternity during the education conference held in Isiolo on 28th October 2019.

Different leaders in attendance re-emphasized the need to work with national government security officers to address the drug issue, harmonize various available bursaries and motivation of teachers from schools whose performance was good.

Speaking during the conference, Governor Kutu said it was not time to point fingers but time for all to take full responsibility in seeking lasting solutions. “I urge all of us not to focus on the past but think about the future particularly of vision 2030 projects that will be implemented in our County,” he said add-

ing that the projects will need engineers, architectures and quantity surveyors majority of which ought to be the children of Isiolo.

He also reminded conference participants, of his administration’s commitment to work with all stakeholders to improve education in all levels including primary and secondary schools in the county despite the mandate of County Governments been ECDE. “I am also of the opinion to realize full benefits that there is need for us to harmonize bursaries available in the County,” Said Governor Kutu.

The standards of performance especially at both primary and secondary school levels have been worrying with KCPE registering a mean score of 230 and 3.41 (D plain) for KSCE in the last five years. The Conference was funded by County Government of Isiolo in partnership with various development partners whose programmes are tied to education.



H.E Dr. Mohamed Kutu in one of the exhibition set during the education conference held in isiolo on 28th October 2019

Kenya Roads Board paid a courtesy call to Isiolo County



Department of Roads, County Government of Isiolo was lauded by Directors from the Kenya Roads Board (KRB) for its excellent work in carrying out its mandate. Speaking during a visit to H.E Governor Dr. Mohamed Kutu's office in late August 2019, KRB's Executive Director Eng. Jacob Ruwa announced that the County Government of Isiolo had done exceptionally well as it scored a 76% in the utilization of the roads maintenance conditional grant in the financial year 2018/2019. Eng. Ruwa was also delighted to announce that this was made possible by the Department of Road's compliance with most of KRB's conditions including; the preparation of a work plan, providing evidence that funds were approved by Isiolo County Assembly and opening of a Special Purpose Account (SPA).





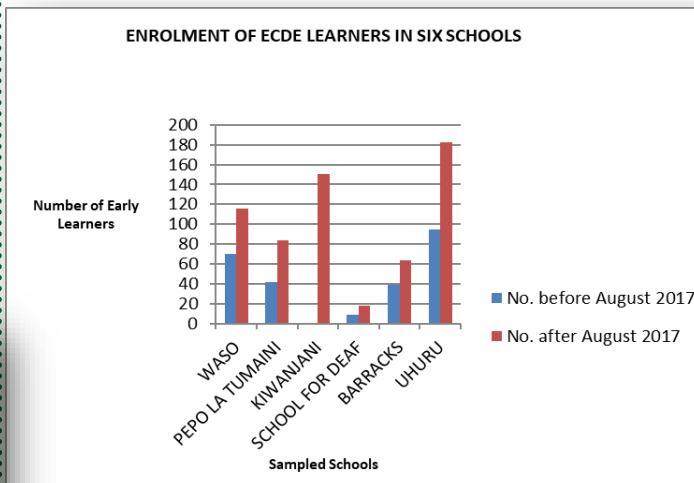
The mandate of the Directorate of Efficiency Monitoring is to continuously track progress of county projects and programs targeting residents of Isiolo County. This with the aim of ensuring implementation is done according to; design, quality, budget, within the scope and time frame in order to reach the targeted population.



In this regard, we have established, having visited and sampled six Early Childhood Education Centres (ECDE), we have witnessed the transformational work done by Governor Mohamed Kuti's government in the education sector.

Work done in the ECDE sector has, especially in Wabera and Bulla Pesa wards resulted to a tre-

mendous growth in school enrolment of the early learners. This is as captured below;



It is clear from the graph that school enrolment numbers for early learners under H.E Governor Mohamed Kuti's administration as compared to the previous regime has increased. These different stakeholders have attributed to efforts by the current regime evidenced by; construction of classrooms for each school, provision of learning materials and furniture and school feeding programs. "We had no enrolment of early learners prior to the current regime, but our school registered 150 ECDE learners after construction of 2 ECDE classrooms by the County Government of Isiolo," Said the School Head. The general increase is also attributed to employment of ECDE

SCHOOL	NO. BEFORE 2017	NO. AFTER 2017
WASO	70	116
PEPO LA TUMAINI	42	84
KIWANJANI	0	150
SCHOOL FOR DEAF	9	18
BARRACKS	39	64
UHURU	95	182
TOTAL SAMPLE ENROLMENT	255	614



teachers in the following sampled schools; Waso (4), Pepo La Tumaini(3), Kiwanjani(3), School for the Deaf(3), Barracks(5) and Uhuru(7). Governor Kuti's administration has also ensured that each ward has an ECDE ward coordinator to closely ensure service delivery at the lowest level.



host public functions and other vital non-governmental activities. The project's current construction status that integrates 2 phases is 67% of phase 1 which means the work is on track and in good progress.



The directorate has also on several occasions visited the Isiolo Stadium which is one Governor Kuti's Flagship projects. The main goal of the project is to nurture sports talents among Isiolo County youth to achieve objectives such as to; ensure reduction of the level of radicalization in the county; promote unity, peace and cohesion among the young generation, generate revenue for the county through sports competitions, and





The County Government of Isiolo was privileged to host participants from six counties from 20th to 22nd November last year for a County Learning Exchange programme on Prevention and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) in Isiolo Town. Exchange programme participants were drawn from the counties which have in the past been affected by violent extremism including; Mombasa, Kwale, Lamu, Mandera , Nairobi and Nakuru.

During the three days' exchange programme supported by the Strong Cities Network (S.C.N) and the County Government of Isiolo, the participants were able to learn from each other on how they implement their respective County Action Plans while countering violent extremism.

S.C.N ensures that sustained and coordinated challenges posed by violent extremism are understood and addressed, both at global and local levels with the aim of effectively pre-

venting and countering violent extremism by partnering with municipalities, cities, and the communities. The County Government of Isiolo recently became a member of S.C.N following a recent engagement with the Governor, H.E Dr. Mohamed Kutu.

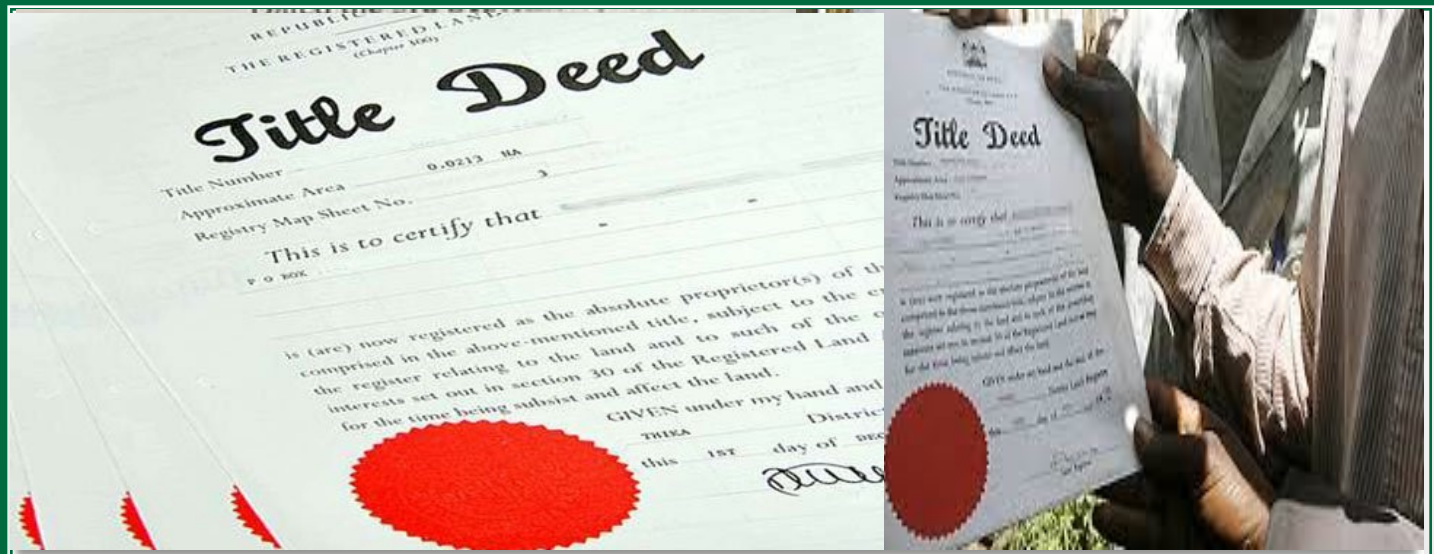
Civil societies working in the county led by Isiolo Peace Link (I.P.L) lauded the S.C.N for the continued financial support to develop initiatives aimed at easing the fight against violent extremism and promotion of cohesion. Isiolo County commissioner Joseph Kanyiri noted that the fight against violent extremism can't be tackled by the National Government alone but instead requires working partnerships. "We need to develop sustainable working partnerships between the National Government, County Government, Religious leaders, civil societies and other stakeholders to sustainably deal with issues that cause and glorify violent extremism," He added.



Isiolo County Governor H.E Dr. Mohamed Kutti had a special Visit to Cabinet Secretary for Lands Farida Karoney at Arthi House to demand the amendments of the legal notice no. 150 on land adjudication in Isiolo County.

True leadership timely responds to the concerns of the people led especially those that touch on their livelihoods. H.E Governor Mohamed Kutti demonstrated this type of leadership when in early November 2019 led a delegation of community leaders and representatives of all pastoralists communities living in Isiolo for a consultative meeting with Cabinet Secretary (C.S) for Lands Faridah Karoney. The predominant goal of the meeting was to deliberate on gazette Notice No.150 of 2019 that earmarked Isiolo County as an adjudication area.

During this consultative meeting it was conclusively agreed that cancellation of the adjudication gazette would deny Isiolo County residents title deeds. This, the delegation agreed with the C.S Lands would be a great loss to the people as the process could take years for the government to re-visit issuance. Rather, it was agreed the best approach would be to amend the adjudication gazette stating that; all land in Isiolo County is community land under the jurisdiction of the County Government and the only areas which will fall under the adjudication are the towns and or settlement areas within Isiolo County.



with specification of radius' of square kilometers per hectare and adjudication will also to be enforced by area adjudication committees which will be elected by residents.

The Cabinet Secretary later advised the delegation to seek appointment with C.S Interior Security Dr, Fred Matiangi, C.S Defense Racheal Omamo and C.S Agriculture Mwangi Kiunjuri to finally resolve the issues of boundary, Livestock Marketing Division (LMD) and Kenya Defense Forces (KDF) planned camps expansions. Speaking on the same issue during telephone interview in one of the local F.M radio stations, H.E Governor Kuti asked all leaders to work together to ensure the Simba Lodge meeting agreement on the need to have for residents of Isiolo have title deeds is actualized. "I have chosen to remain silent on the land adjudication issue because I understand the problems our people face due to lack of title deeds. I am also very happy that the court declined prayers by our elected members of parliament to provide an injunction stopping the adjudication exercise. This would have really caused great loss to our people because a title deed is an important document in our country," He added.

Governor also asked all leaders to place the needs of the 'Mwananchi' first and not their own. Saying title deeds can be used to secure loans for families that need to educate their children or start businesses. Legal Notice No. 150 of 2019 has since been amended and County Residents will soon be issued with title deeds for their land.



FEEDING THE DISPLACED PEOPLE IN ISIOLO COUNTY



Governor Kuti flags of consignment consisting of food to Ireshaboru residents who were hardly hit by the floods.





Speaking during the last day of the event Municipal Manager Osman Halake reiterated the need to engage the youth in income generating activities as a way of sustainably addressing radicalization among the young. “There is need for us to find ways of developing youth entrepreneurship as a measure of minimizing the risk of radicalization of our young people, “He added.





A borehole drilled by the County Government of Isiolo in Merti Sub County to reduce the shortage of water in the area.



Kula Mawe Borehole

Gafarsa Borehole

Water is an essential commodity for human survival and its scarcity brings great loss both to human and animal lives. Alive to this reality, upon taking over Governor Kuti embarked on ensuring that programs are aligned towards the provision of water to Isiolo County residents. Through the County Government’s water department, his administration has put in measures to ensure the adverse effects of drought are minimized.

Among measures put in place to ensure that Isiolo residents have access to clean and safe drinking water is the developing of groundwater sources through the drilling of boreholes in the following areas; Awarsitu, Merti and Malkadaka. In keeping the water promise, Governor Kuti’s administration has also operationalized faulty boreholes that are strategic water supplies that supply domestic and livestock water which include; Gafarsa, Dogogicha, Ngarendare, Rapsu, Duse, Kulamawe, Yamicha, Kinna among others. The County Government’s water department has also been undertaking emergency water trucking in areas with no permanent water sources.

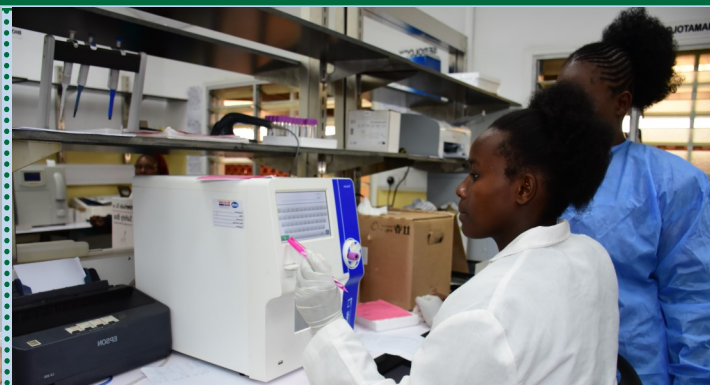
“The extensive adverse effects of drought in September 2018, made us think of undertaking emergency water trucking in areas considered completely dry in our County. This we have done in areas such as; Malkadaka, Sericho Loosira, Labarisheeki, Parkishon, Kipsing, Milima Chui, Narasha, Logopito among others,” Said County Water Executive Abdi Haji. Water trucking has also been done in several public primary schools in the county.

Driven by the need of reducing on downtime in borehole repairs the County Government’s water department has also improved on its human resource by employing a mechanical engineer, an electrical inspector and a water supply inspector. Future plans for keeping the water promise include; the construction of the Qubi Qalo dam for flood water harvesting and the drilling of boreholes in key areas such as; Isiolo Town’s Livestock market, Delbek, Machalo, DololoWacu, Waldiri, Checheles, Bulesa, Nantundu, Belgesh and Modogashe.





A Nurse attending to a dialysis patient at the renal unit in Isilo County Teaching and Referral Hospital.



Mrs. Nyatichi Ouru, a medical laboratory science student on attachment at Isilo County Teaching and Referral Hospital.



Mr. Patrick a student of Malaria parasitology at Isilo County Teaching and Referral Hospital.



Miss Jamila Konso Laboratory Officer waiting for result of specimen sample at Isilo County Teaching and Referral Hospital.



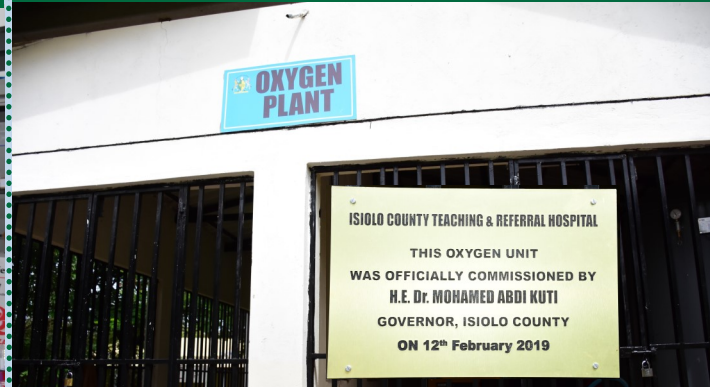
A Technician operating a CT Scan machine at the Isilo County Teaching and Referral Hospital On 25th November 2019.



Miss Khasida Bonjo Laboratory Officer at work in Isilo County Teaching and Referral Hospital

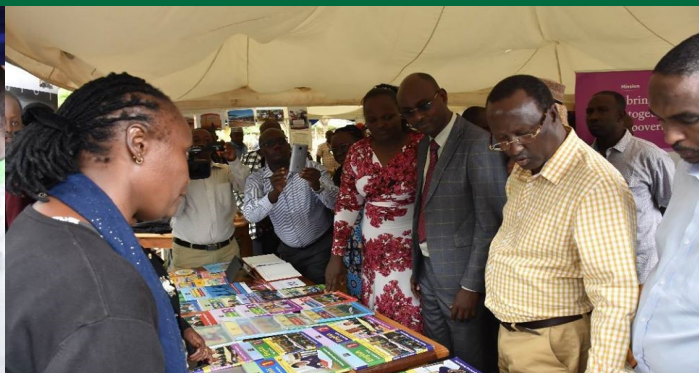
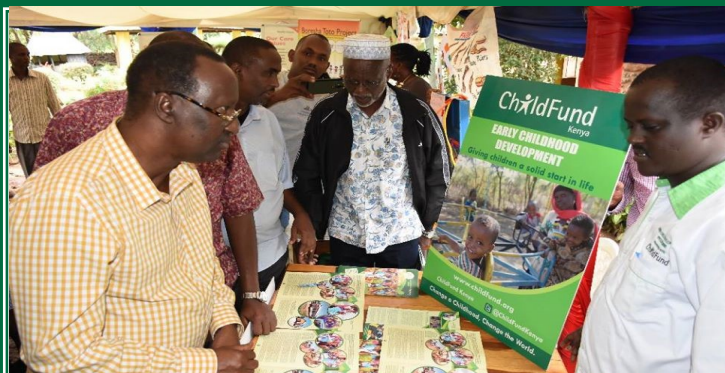


A Laboratory Technologist attending to a blood specimen sample at Isilo County Teaching and Referral Hospital.



The Oxygen Plant at the Isilo County Teaching & Referral Hospital which was commissioned by H.E Dr. Mohamed Kutu.





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Residents of Gafarsa receiving relief food from the County Government of Isiolo

Heavy rains experienced countrywide last year resulting to floods, caused havoc in various parts of Isiolo County. Increased water levels in several tributaries flowing into the Ewaso Ny'iro River caused by the heavy rains led to it bursting its banks, resulting to devastating floods that displaced hundreds of families downstream. Majority of these families would have gone for several days without food were it not for the County Government's prompt response.

Speaking about the situation in last year's Jamuhuri Day Celebrations, Isiolo County Governor, Dr. Mohamed Kuti announced that he had formed a county disaster coordination team to lead the floods response process. "I

have formed a county disaster coordination team which will also work closely with other humanitarian institutions from the private sector and the National Government to respond to mitigate danger to human lives that might emanate from the floods," Said the Governor.

Governor Kuti also announced that he will work together with the Isiolo County Commissioner as co-chairs to guide the response process. The worst hit areas in the County were; Erasaboru, Gafarsa and Ngaremara which had majority of houses destroyed and livestock washed away.

The County Government of Isiolo however, promptly responded to emerging needs of several displaced families. Through the De-





partment of Special Programmes under Office of H.E Governor Kuti, consignments of assorted food items were promptly distributed to survivors of the floods to these three areas. The food items which included; Maize Flour, Cooking Oil, Sugar, Tea leaves and Salt were of great relief to several families that had been left in a dire situation by the recent catastrophic floods. Residents of Erasaboru also benefited from Mosquito nets that were secured by the Department of Health Services from the National Malaria Control Program (N.M.C.P). This prompt intervention was welcomed by areas' residents.



Ngaremara residents have also received support after being displaced by floods





The County Secretary of Isiolo County, Dr. Ahmed Galgalo hosted the newly appointed Cabinet Secretary (C.S) for Agriculture and Cooperatives, Hon. Peter Munya for three days (January 16th - 17th 2020) strategy adoption efforts on how to deal with the Desert Locust invasion. The working visit entailed a meeting that was also attended by the Regional Desert Locust Invasion eradication coordination committee, took place at Ngaremara Ward Isiolo County.

Speaking during this meeting, C.S Munya assured residents of Isiolo County and other Kenyans that the National Government was set to eradicate the Desert Locust which have invaded different parts of the country. He also said that the National Government was committed to ensuring the right chemical was used during spraying exercises adopted to eradicate the swarms of locusts. "We have already procured 6,000 liters of Penitrothione which will be air lifted for the aerial spraying exercise in Samburu, Meru and Isiolo counties," he added.

The three counties had from mid-January this year experienced an invasion of the destructive Desert Locusts. Hon. Munya also called for intentional coordinated efforts for success of the eradication process. Two aircrafts were used in the spraying exercise at different parts of Isiolo County including Kipsing and Mibae village neighboring Samburu County.

Dr. Ahmed Galgalo informed the Cabinet Secretary that a Regional Desert Locust Invasion Eradication Committee drawn from; Meru, Isiolo and Samburu counties has been constituted to help coordinate efforts. "The Regional Committee on Desert Locust Invasion eradication will continue moni-





toring the situation in Isiolo, Samburu and Meru counties to ensure the fight against the invasion succeeds," He added.

On his part, C.S Munya also promised enough chemicals and well trained personnel will be provided for the spraying exercise. " We will also as Government carry out vigorous trainings on Desert Locust Eradication in 11 more counties and lay down well structured plans to ensure such emergency don't not occur in the future," Said C.S Munya.

The County Secretary also lauded C.S Munya for the continued support geared towards reduction of further destruction of pasture. " We are happy with the quick response C.S Munya has adopted in response to this disaster, as continued inaction would put the livelihoods of majority of residents at risk given we are predominantly pastoralists," Said Dr. Galgalo. Also in attendance during the mechanisms laying efforts were C.E.C for Agriculture Dr. Lawrence Mwongela and Chief Officer for Livestock Salad Tutana.





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