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ASDSP Programme - A game changer for Nyeri farmers

Story & Photos - Governor's Press Unit (Compiled by Joseph Wambugu)

Nyeri County is predominantly an agricultural County with the potential to produce enough food for subsistence and commercial purposes. The County is well endowed with fertile and deep soils, mainly loam and sandy loam soils, which support growing crops, pastures, and trees. The County's area is 3,337.1 km², of which 987.5 Km² and 758.5 Km² are arable and non-arable land areas, respectively. The more significant part of the land is used for food crops, while the rest is used for cash crop farming, livestock rearing, and farm for-

estry. The County grows and keeps a range of enterprises comprising cash crops, horticultural crops, food crops, livestock production, agroforestry, tree plantation, and fisheries.

The agricultural sector is significant in the economy of Nyeri County and the means of livelihood for most of the rural population. It employs over 40% of the total population, and over 70% of the rural population depends on agriculture for their livelihood. The County Gross Domestic Product from the

Agriculture sector stands at 52% in Nyeri County based on KNBS 2019. Within the period under review, the Department of Agriculture in the County focused on its four pillars: improve agriculture productivity, soil fertility and soil health, market access, and extension services.

In this regard, Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP) was initiated, where ASDSP Phase I was implemented between 2012 and 2017. After completing ASDSP Phase I, end-term evaluation recommended ASDSP

Phase Two (ASDSP II) to address the identified gaps. ASDSP II is a five-year intervention (2017 - 2022) aimed at commercializing agriculture by developing selected priority value chains. The program is implemented in all 47 Counties and financed by Sida (Swedish International Development Agency), the County Governments, and the National Government.

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ASDSP II aims to commercialize the value Chain Actors (VCAs) by developing Sustainable Priority Value Chains for Improved Income, Food, and Nutrition Security. The program focuses on three priority value chains in Nyeri County: cow

The County Government of Nyeri, under the stewardship of H.E Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, EGH, has been very supportive of the program, which is aimed at the commercialization of the Value Chain Actors (VCAs) through the devel-

ue chains for the sustainability of achieved results. The program has also laid an excellent foundation for collaboration, primarily through Public Private Partnerships, which is critical to the sector's development. He thanked the Governor, for the support which has made the program shine among other implementing Counties. He noted that this had attracted 13 Counties to benchmark in the County.

chain actors in 224 Value Chain Organizations (VCOs), of which 60 are for cow milk, 65 indigenous chicken and 99 Irish potatoes.

The addresses four key challenges that hinder the commercialization of agriculture, namely, low productivity along agricultural value chains; inadequate entrepreneurial skills along agricultural value chains and among service providers; low access to markets by value chain actors, and weak and inadequate structures and capacities for consultation, cooperation and coordination within the sector.



ASDSP Coordinator Lucy Chege (*inset*) said there was a partnership among the concerned stakeholders, which led to realizing the purpose of improving incomes, food, and nutrition security in Nyeri County. The program targeted to reach over 14,000 value chain actors -

The program interventions resulted in increased value chains' productivity, entrepreneurship



milk, indigenous chicken, and Irish Potato. The program's implementation is guided by the three priority value chains' Strategic Integrated Value Chain Action Plans (SIV-CAP) and is further implemented through capacity building and innovation Extended Concepts. Service providers from the County's public and private sectors carry out these interventions through a value-chain approach.

opment of Sustainable Priority Value Chains for Improved Income, Food, and Nutrition Security.

CEC Department of Agriculture, Livestock & Aquaculture Development, James Wachihi (*pictured above*), noted that the program has enhanced productivity and doubled production after capacity building was conducted. He pointed out that the program has developed vital structures in the three priority val-

tors, i.e., over 7,000 cow milk, over 3,900 Irish potatoes, and over 3,000 indigenous chicken value

to markets by value chain actors. neur-ship skills of priority value chain actors, and access to markets by value chain actors.



They strengthened structures and capacities for sector consultation, cooperation, and coordination. The value chain innovations with high prospects for women and youth economic empowerment were also supported, which led to the commercialization of the value chains. She lauded Governor Kahiga for being very supportive of the program, ensuring the timely release of the counterpart funds, which triggered donor funds, thus ensuring seamless program implementation.

Agriculture Chief Officer, Wilson Maringa (pictured above), lauded Governor Kahiga for supporting the program. Nyeri County was the leading County in the contribution of the Counterpart funds, where Kshs 34.5 Million was contributed against the targeted Kshs 27.5 Million. The program's total budget for the five years was Kshs. 91 Million, i.e., Kshs. 45.5 Million from Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), Kshs. 34,458,568 from the County Government of Nyeri and Kshs. 11 Million from the National Government. Maringa noted that the program has boosted food security as the fruits of the farmer's labour are being realized.

Cow Milk Value Chain:

Humuka Destiny Dairy Self Help Group member from Kambura-ini Reuben Nyuto was trained on sexed semen, feed formulation, efficient breeds, zero grazing, silage making, vaccination, and biogas production. The milk production for his three Freshman cows increased from 20 litres to the current 80 litres per day.

The program supported Gatuanyaga Youth Group in Gakawa ward, Kieni East Sub County, which

benefited from a Chaff cutter machine to provide silage-making services to cow milk farmers instead of using pangas to chop fodder. This innovation has seen them increase their capacity from 1 tonne to 10 tonnes of hay per day. The machine has changed the livelihood of the 13 youth members earning Kshs. 700 per day each.

At Slopes Dairy Cooperative Society, Karatina town: After the cooperative society joined hands with ASDSPII, Mathira farmers have immensely benefited from the training of workers, society management, and an inseminator. The program has also supported the cooperative society with sexed semen and milk ATM to ensure increased productivity. The society Chairman

Kenneth Maina said the milk production had increased from 7 to 15 Litres per cow since the farmers were trained on sexed semen, feed formulation, fodder establishment, housing, fodder conservation, mineral lick formulation, pests and disease management, among others. As a result, the total daily milk collection has increased from 9,000 litres to 16,000 litres. The farmers can now access feeds, chemicals and salt on a credit basis from the society.

The milk ATMs have enabled the cooperative to sell their milk precisely without losses associated with erroneous weighing. At the same time, the sexed semen has increased the value of their herd by increasing the heifer population and shortening the time to get to pedigree. Society

is planning to increase yoghurt production and packaging as a value addition for increased incomes. Slopes Dairy Cooperative inseminator Vincent Karumba said that over 70 heifers had been delivered since last year, which has improved local breeds. At the society's demonstration farm, more farmers have been trained in fodder establishment and different fodder crop varieties like super napier, lucerne, panicum, brachiaria, and chicory commander. The Society Manager, Mary Kinyua, acknowledged the County Government of Nyeri for the support, resulting in the cooperative being the highest milk payouts to farmers in Nyeri County for the last four years.

Friends Welfare Group from Karatina, Mathira East, is a youth group that provides silage-making services to farmers. The group thrived in the area after ASDSPII delivered a chaff cutter machine to ease their work and increase their capacity.

The Chairman, Kiige Nyuguto, said the group members had travelled far and wide in neighbouring counties to deliver services on demand. Due to the high demand for their services, they purchased another machine to meet the growing demand. The eight members can chop up to 20 tonnes per day and ensile, generating an income of Kshs. 1,200 daily per member. The members plan to purchase a pickup to help them ferry machines to various regions as their clients' demand.

ASDSPII also trained Progressive Women Group members from King'ong'o near Nyeri town. A member and the secretary to the cow milk value chain platform, Becky Njoki embraces the use of biogas. This innovation can generate environmental, health, and social benefits to rural areas with a net positive impact on



energy. The group members were trained on other necessities of dairy farming. They have also taught other neighbouring farmers through field days. Their incomes doubled, production increased, created employment, and conserved the environment.

The cow milk value chain mentor and the Policy and Institutional Capacity Development Officer, Hellen Maina, noted that productivity has also increased from adopting innovations and technologies promoted by the service providers engaged by the program. This has also decreased post-production milk losses and increased quality milk production. The Average output has risen from 6 to 9 litres per cow daily.

Indigenous Chicken Value Chain

In 2017 Jack Wanyiri started poultry rearing but lost almost the whole flock due to a lack of technical skills. ASDSP II later joined in and offered training and a solar-powered incubator to his group; he is currently one of the major distributors of chicks in the area. He has hatched over 2,000 chicks worth Kshs 200,000 in the last few years. Through ASDSPII capacity building, he could operate the incubator, manage

his flock, brood chicks, and practice routine poultry management. In addition, he has perfected operating the incubators, where he offers consultancy services to other groups at a fee, thus, additional income. In addition, he has opened up an agro-vet to avail poultry inputs to members of the group and neighbours who have increased their flock size from 6 to 50 birds. His household income has therefore tripled.

Alice Wainaina, a beneficiary of Wanyiri's work, travelled far to be trained in chicken rearing. She is targeting to increase her chicken flock to 200 birds to increase her income.

Kieni East Service Provider Mary Kamuti added that the farmers from the area have also been trained on how to rear Black Soldier Fly (BSF), formulate feeds, and poultry vaccination. Azolla (*Azolla pinnata*) is an aquatic fern with a 25 - 35% crude

protein

content, thus a good protein source in feeds. Kiawagi Self Help Group members in Kirimukuyu ward, Mathira West Sub-County, the youth are also now growing Azolla plants rich in protein for chicken farming. The group's secretary, Dennis Maina, says with a Kilogramme of Azolla feeds, go for Kshs. 40, this has reduced the feeding costs by 70%. On the other hand, a Kilogramme of Azolla seed is Kshs 1,000. The group is growing Azolla for commercial purposes and intends to expand the enterprise to reap max-

imum benefits. He has since constructed his own house from the income. In Othaya Sub



County, Altech Knights Youth Group Chairman Thumbi Mukami has

cut the cost of chicken feeds by half after the group started rearing the Black Soldier Fly (BSF). Black soldier fly larvae are rich in protein, fat, and other essential nutrients required by animals, containing nutrients suitable as feed for chickens, among other animals. The BSF project has been commercialized where the group sells a Kilogramme of the BSF larvae at Kshs 2,000 with almost no production cost since the flies, larvae, and pupae feed on waste.

At Jitegemee Persons with Disabili-



ty Group, the Chairlady Veronicah Muthoni said the group has been able to purchase another incubator from the proceeds of one incubator provided by ASDSPII two years ago. A group member, Alice Gitonga, said the farmers were trained to operate solar-powered incubators, synchronized and serial hatching, and use eco-friendly cartons for chicks' transportation.

Another farmer Gladys Wambui of Mwireri Good Hope Self Help Group in Mweiga ward, Kieni West Sub-County, reported that through ASDSPII interventions, her group has started manufacturing their quality chicken feeds after the training on feed formulation. This has reduced the cost of feeds, and poultry increased production due to the use of quality feeds. The group has also implemented innovation in using incubators for chicks' production, where they have managed to increase their flock at minimal cost. She challenged the youth to venture into the lucrative poultry business.

Through a partnership, Agape Youth Group in Nyeri town has also been trained on value addition by Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT). A food scientist Jonah Mbae from the Institute of Food Bio-resources Technology, said the group members were trained in making chicken sausages and were ready for business since ASDSPII had supported them with the processing equipment. Agape Youth Group Chairperson Paul Wachira appreciated ASDSPII for supporting the group with processing equipment. The group had constructed business premises to sell their value-added products for employment creation to the youth. He challenges other youths to venture into the business since there is always a ready market for sausages as the demand is always high. Wachira thanked Governor Kahiga and the County Government of Nyeri for the program and called upon those involved to extend it.

The Indigenous chicken value chain platform Chair, Alice Kiberenge, noted that the program had brought together all the value chain actors i.e., Input suppliers, producers, traders, transporters, and processors. The per capita income of the poultry value chain actors has consequently increased from Kshs 40 to over 100. She thanked the program for the benchmarking tours in the Kitale and Makueni areas, which have opened the eyes of

the farmers.

A mentor and the program business development officer, Editar Njeru, adds that the farmers can now overcome microbial resistance, low marketing, high mortality rates, and high feed costs. The training in developing new chicken products like dressed birds and sausages. Training of Azolla plants and BSF flies has boosted the farmers. The program has increased the average flock size from six to over 50 birds per household and reduced the County's mortality rate from 10% to 5%.

Irish Potato Value Chain:

Githura Self Help Group members in Mugunda ward, Kieni West Sub County, raked in over Kshs. One million from their three-acre-land where they harvested Mar-kies Irish Potatoes and sold them to con-



tract market. A member of the group Ismael Abdi, said the members have been on contract farming after the agricultural officers trained them on proper seed selection, farming methods, soil analysis, fertilizer application, pests, and disease control. Susan Wangechi lauded the support from the ASDSPII, saying their production has increased tremendously. At Kiambogo Kianjogu Potatoes Growers Self Help Group, the

Chairman of the group Lee Waithaka likened the work of farmers like that of those involved in white collar jobs since they have been earning more than those working in offices. Another member Alice Wanja who was harvesting 40 bags per acre before the program, now harvests over 80 bags per acre after she was capacity built on potato production, entrepreneurship, and access to markets. She can even use a walking tractor provided by ASDSPII, which further reduces production costs and lowers post-production losses. Her livelihood has since improved, whereby she can rear 100 sheep, 4 dairy cows, buy a plot in Nairutia shopping centre, improve her house, pay school fees, and recently constructed a gate worth Kshs 100,000.

Another potato farmer Charles Kanyoni who is the Chairman

They grew the Shangi potato variety which does well in the area after soil testing. The variety is high yielding and marketable. This has created employment for the local youth.

A private service provider Ann Muchomba noted that the group members were trained on soil testing, composting, use of certified seeds, minimum tillage, breaking of apical dominance, seed plot techniques, and mechanization, e.g., use of walking tractors, and value addition. This has resulted in increased production and increased incomes due to innovations.

A mentor Joseph Macharia noted that through ASDSPII, the actors had adopted new technologies and innovations like dehulming, moulding, mulching, digital weighing, use of storage crates, e-marketing, e.g., Viazi Soko, motorized spraying system, use of apical cuttings, positive seed selecting techniques, soil testing, seed plot techniques among others.

This has increased production from 40 bags to 80 bags per acre, thereby increasing the income from the value chain. The commercialized enterprise offers employment to many.

The Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Amos Njenga, ensured the set targets were achieved by implementing planned activities. Monitoring and evaluation are critical in program implementation as they track progress and inform improvement areas to ensure that objectives are met. He is keen to ensure the program activities align with the program outputs, outcomes, purpose, and overall goal. He thanked Governor Kahiga and the entire team, which has led to Nyeri County shining among the other counties.

man of GGK Farmers group in Narumoru-Kiamathaga ward in Kieni East Sub County, says he can produce 80 bags of potatoes from the initial 40 bags after the training. This is after embracing modern technology like moulding farming and clean seeds, which have increased production and reduced labour costs. GGK group Vice Secretary Irene Macharia said after ASDSPII training.

Promoting reading culture in schools in Nyeri



Book Aid International (BAI) is a UK book donation charity organization that provides books and supports libraries in Africa and around the world.

Every year, the charity sends books to public and community libraries, in this regard Munyu Library and Warazo Jet Primary School library benefitted from the program.

The 'Books To Go Project' Launch was held at Warazo Jet Primary School, Kabaru Ward, Kieni East Sub County.

The project provided over 2,000 UK - donated books, a grant to

purchase local books, school bags, shelves and capacity building of teachers on basic Library management and reading promotion.

The BAI and Cambridge University press representatives noted that the objectives of the book's donation is for sharing knowledge, stories and adventures, as well as encouraging thought and imagination.

Donating books can lead people to cultivate the reading culture, developing their communication skills by increasing their vocabularies, developing grammar and verbal skills.

In her remarks, the Gender Director Social Services Monica Thumbi, emphasized the critical role of school libraries in nurturing and creating reading culture at an early age.

"Thank you for your very generous donations of the books and other resource materials. The charity work, coordination and time invested are worth it. The library set-up and outlook is captivating. This is a much needed addition to our library collection. The information is current, well organized, and informative. I am certain the teachers

and students will gain much insight about the various issues and cultures. Please accept our sincere appreciation as a community." She added.

She further acknowledged the partnerships from BAI -UK, Cambridge University Press, KNLS, Kieni NG- GDF Office and the Community.

Thumbi reiterated that the county government is committed in collaborations in efforts to better the community.

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3rd Edition Mountain to Mountain Ultra Marathon launch



Story - Njambi Mugo | Photo - Kennedy Karanja

The Sustainable Development Goal 13 serves as a reminder to every person of the need to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. In this regard, Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga was de-

lighted to launch the highly anticipated 3rd edition of the Mountain to Mountain Ultra Marathon, which seeks to raise awareness on climate change mitigation and tourism in Nyeri County. The Governor was ac-

companied by Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri. The Mountain to Mountain ultra marathon-themed Feel the Power of the Mountains Under Your Feet is set to take place on 23rd September, 2023. The ultra

marathon will cover 80 kilometres from the majestic Mt. Kenya to the beautiful Aberdare ranges. The County Government of Nyeri, Urban Swaras Running Club and the Mt. Kenya Blazers are jointly orga-

nizing this marathon which will raise awareness of the need for people to embrace physical activity to combat Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) that have become burdensome to our citizenry.

This is also an excellent opportunity to market Nyeri and all its splendor, from the beautiful scenery, the integration between human settlement and wildlife, cementing the credibility of Nyeri County as a unique tourist destination.

This is an Urban Swaras' flagship project and will have distances of 25km, 50km and 80kms. The Urban Swaras Running Club encompasses beginners to semi-elite runners hoping to polish their craft and improve their timings.

He reiterated his government's total support towards making this event a success and thanked all sponsors who came forward to join in the sporting event.

DG joins Go Green Hub for the Annual Environmental Walk

Story - Peter Wangari | Photo - Samwel Gitonga



On behalf of H.E Mutahi Kahiga, EGH, Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri joined the Go Green Hub CEO and Founder Hon. Fidelis Kanene during the flagging off and participation of the Go Green Hub

Annual environmental walk. The walk began at Baden Powell, Nyeri town to the Nyeri Primary School, King'ong'o. The walk was championed by primary, secondary, tertiary students from

various institutions, stakeholders and other Friends of Go Green hub. In the spirit of conserving the environment, the DG engaged in a tree planting activity at Nyeri Primary School.

"We must join hands to save our beautiful planet as there is no other place in the universe so beautiful, so vibrant and so lively by being responsible and tree planting," he said.

Governor's meeting with Senate Committee on Education matters



Story & Photo - Samwel Gitonga

H.E Mutahi Kahiga held a cordial meeting with the senate standing committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations led by Wajir Senator Chair Hon. Abass Mohammed following a petition filed on the absorption of some polytechnic instructors by the County Government of Nyeri, at the onset of devolution. The issue was looked into by the committee and it

was resolved that the petitioners would provide the County Government with all relevant information for consideration. Resolution arrived at would be communicated to the senate committee. The Governor also joined colleague governors in a full Council of Governors meeting chaired by the chairpersons Council of Governors H.E Anne Waiguru in Delta House,

Nairobi. The council addressed various county-related issues; including the proposed market development programme, preparations for Devolution Conference 2023, and a legislative analysis of the proposed County Governments (Amendment) Bill, 2023, among other key areas of discussion.

In brief...

A consultative meeting on the workings of Mutitu Water and Sanitation Company was held to deliberate on progressive ways for the organization. The meeting had stakeholders drawn from the Ministry of Interior, the County Government of Laikipia and Nyeri, the Archdiocese of Nyeri, the Water Police Unit and the Tana Water Works Agency.



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Nyeri proud of its heritage: Kimathi post office

The giant mugumo tree rises from three sturdy trunks to tower above lush vegetation on the slopes of the Aberdare Ranges, as though imposing its importance among the jungle foliage.

The stout tree trunks interspersed magnificently and veined with rugged strips of bark and tendrils, tell of its great age but imply nothing of its rich history.

Its branches extend to a wide radius casting a cool shadow that offers an ideal shelter for herds of grazing wild animals at the Aberdare National Park, where it is centrally situated. But, over 50 years ago during the height of the struggle for independence, the trunks of the spectacular Mugumo attracted more than buffaloes and zebras.

Mau Mau freedom fighters who had taken refuge in the Aberdares among other hideouts made the tree a secret rendezvous for fighters and messengers and also made the gaping crevices on its trunks their 'post office'. Commanders of the two main battalions in the forest would leave each other letters. Fighters based in Mt Kenya Forest also found the 'post' office and used it to communicate with their counterparts.

To most of the fighters, the tree came to be known as the Kimathi Post Office, in respect to their leader, Field Marshal Dedan Kimathi,



who was said to have mooted the idea of having one point where Mau Mau would deliver and collect letters to communicate with sympa-

thetic villagers and among troops. Former freedom fighter Theuri Njugi, alias General Kimbo, says it was Kimathi who pinpointed the tree as an ideal secret 'post office' as it had natural deep crevices into which written papers could be tucked in and remain undetected. Mau Mau messengers knew the crevices like post office boxes. They knew where to place which letters for whom. Messengers coming for letters for their generals would retrieve them from those 'boxes', mostly in pitch darkness.

A specific person would be selected by the Mau Mau team leaders and would scribble a note using charcoal or even blood after cutting their flesh. Since paper was rare, a piece of animal hide, rubbed to become soft, was the common writing material on the inner side.

Messages had to be short and coded, like 'sunset will be at 3am'. That would mean an attack at that hour and a call for reinforcement of troops.

The messengers operated under cover of darkness to and from the 'post office' and slipped or retrieved notes from various 'post boxes'.

The giant tree still stands at the Aberdare National park and was gazzeted and preserved as a National Monument.

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Governor meets International missionaries



H.E Mutahi Kahiga met with a host of missionaries from the United States of America (USA), India, and South Africa who are in Nyeri County to spread the gospel.

The visiting clergymen mostly from Dallas, Texas, Kentucky, Illinois, Washington DC, and North Carolina also visited several children's homes in addition to offering spiritual nourishment during their outside crusades.

They also donated school uniforms to pupils from selected primary schools in the county.

The group led by Dr. Paul Wesley from Kentucky was being hosted by Bishop Paul Wanjohi and Bishop James Gachengo.

Nyeri Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri and Chief Officer Lucy Kiogora also accompanied the Governor.

Story - Joseph Wambugu | Photo - Peter Wangari



Governor addresses Nyeri County Executive

Story - Njambi Mugo | Photo - Kennedy Karanja

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga together with Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri held a harmonization meeting for County Executive Members, Chief Officers, Sub-County administrators, and Ward administrators at the Culture Centre.

He urged the officers to carry out their duties and responsibilities diligently as they are a cog in the wheel

of government; hence, should coordinate projects and programs by guiding the planning, budgeting, and implementation process ensuring this government runs efficiently like a well-oiled machine.

In the wake of the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) III launch recently, he urged them to identify and own the programs they have captured in the blueprint, en-

suring they realize the vision they have outlined for Nyeri residents.

The county has achieved great milestones in all spheres so far, and he urged them to uphold accountability and transparency, towards actualizing the manifesto and promises made by the county government.

He also addressed the issue of Own Source Revenue, which plays an essential role in critical service de-

livery. The additional stream of revenue allows the County to depend less on the national budgetary allocation. To achieve efficiency in service delivery to Nyeri citizens and ensure the realization of the CIDP, his government intends to use proactive measures aimed at sealing revenue leakages, and enhance the revenue collection.

Rotary Club of Nyeri courtesy call to the governor

Story - Njambi Mugo | Photo - Kennedy Karanja



H.E Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga, EGH together with Deputy Governor H.E David Kinaniri hosted

a team from the Rotary Club of Nyeri led by President Ann Mwangi, District Trainer Tito Tandeo and

Immediate Past President Serah Githaiga who paid a courtesy call to my office.

The Governor led the team in an Ornamental Tree Planting activity around the Townhall grounds. A total of 75 beauty trees were planted by the team and members of my Executive. The tree planting exercise is one of the measures that the club has taken up towards mitigating the adverse effects of climate change and environmental conservation.

The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the most effective and well-managed charitable organizations in the World. It focuses on the areas of Basic education and literacy, Community economic development, Disease prevention and treatment, Maternal and child health, Peacebuilding and conflict prevention, Water, sanitation and hygiene.

He lauded the Rotary Club of Nyeri for its timely intervention, with the planned drilling of a borehole in Kieni, which will provide a sustainable source of water for irrigation and domestic purposes improving the socioeconomic status of the beneficiaries.