

+THIS WEEK @ A GLANCE

- A joint commitment to achieving health priorities
- Renovation of Kachan footbridge
- Assistive devices to aid livelihood of persons with disability
- Counties in a fresh bid to revive cotton farming
- County drills boreholes to address water shortage



Deputy Governor Dr. Mathew Owili (centre), CEC member for health and sanitation, Dr. Rosemary Obara and the chairman of the county assembly health committee, Hon. Vincent Jagongo, signing a joint commitment to work together after the health sensitization workshop in Kakamega

A JOINT COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING HEALTH PRIORITIES

Health and sanitation department led by CEC Member, Dr. Rosemary Obara this week hosted an advocacy meeting with the members of the county assembly on health sensitization in Kakamega.

The workshop was a joint commitment by the county assembly health committee members, the department of health and sanitation and other partners as part of the department's roadmap to achieving its goals by 2022, with a focus on the concept of health services and healthcare delivery strategies for Kisumu county.

The workshop came up with way forward that would guide processes towards service delivery in relations to the governor's manifesto and the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP). Amongst the commitments was the resolve to make Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital, (JODTRH) one of the county parastatals.

The workshop was officially closed by the deputy governor, Dr. Mathew Owili who commended the team for their commitment, emphasizing that If there is anything that must work, should be the healthcare delivery.



Mama Kisumu, Dorothy Nyong'o helping Gerald Franklin to fit in his new supportive wheelchair donated by Crutches for Africa.

ASSISTIVE DEVICES TO AID LIVELIHOOD OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

A number of people with disability received assistive devices donated by Crutches for Africa in a ceremony held at the Jomo Kenyatta Sports Ground in Kisumu.

Officiating over the donations, Mama Kisumu, Dorothy Nyong'o alongside Director Special Programs Madam Ruth Odinga shared the importance of the event, stating that it is wise to take care of the disabled for at any given time anyone can be a victim.

Mama Kisumu expressed Governor Nyong'o's commitment and determination towards the well-being of the people with disability, mentioning the Governor's experience during the hip bone surgery in US where he had to survive on Crutches and walk on frame.

According to the benefactor and founder Crutches for Africa, the organization is aiming to assist approximately 9000 disabled persons within Nyanza region.

RENOVATION OF KACHAN FOOTBRIDGE



Before



After

Residents of Central Nyakach in Nyakach subcounty have got a reason to smile after the upgrade of Kachan footbridge. The bridge which was previously life threatening, has been upgraded to a modern footbridge courtesy of the county directorate of special programmes headed by Director Ruth Odinga.



CEC Member for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Hon. Gilchrist Okuom giving opening remarks at the Bt Cotton Sensitization Workshop at Acacia Hotel, Kisumu

COUNTIES IN A FRESH BID TO REVIVE COTTON FARMING

The Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Cooperatives in partnership with International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA) organized a biotech Bt Cotton sensitization workshop focused on the revival of cotton industries in the leading counties including, Kisumu, Makueni, Busia Kakamega, Bungoma, Machakos, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet and Kilifi.

While giving his opening remarks, the CEC Member for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Hon. Gilchrist Okuom lauded the host for introducing the Bt cotton, a breed that is resilient and of low maintenance cost. He also urged the participants to have positive deliberations that will motivate farmers to develop renewed interest and enthusiasm as they mobilize them to embrace again the crop to enhance their economic growth.

The workshop resolved to a joint commitment to revive cotton farming and ginneries in the selected counties for the pilot project. The Bt cotton exhibits genetic resistance which is a permanent type of resistance and not affected by environmental factors. Thus, protects crop from bollworms.

COUNTY DRILLS BOREHOLES TO ADDRESS WATER SHORTAGE

Kisumu County in partnership with the WASH Network Members have started drilling of boreholes meant to address water shortage in Seme, Nyando and Nyakach sub counties.

The five boreholes which are expected to be complete by the end of June this year will cost KSh. 15million.

Speaking during the test pumping at Nyabondo Parish on Tuesday, the Chief Officer for water Mr. Maurice Owino reiterated the County's commitment to increase water coverage to every household and that after drilling, the borehole will be equipped.

"The borehole is projected to serve up to 2,500 households in the area at a pumping rate of 4 meters cubic for every 24 hours" said the Chief Officer.

On his part, Father Edwin Ojwang' Abudho of Nyabondo catholic church thanked the County Government for the borehole, adding that the water has come at a time when the women and girls walk long distances in search for water hence failing to turn up for church services. The insecurity threat experienced as a result of cattle rustling can also be mitigated since the source has been brought closer to the people.



Chief Officer Water, Environment and Natural Resources, Mr. Maurice Owino during a test pumping mission at Nyabondo Parish in Nyakach subcounty.

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