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Agriculture CS Mwangi Kiunjuri (center) arrives in Muhoroni ahead of his meeting with sugarcane stakeholders in the region, joining him are Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o among other leaders.

TEMPORARY REPRIEVE FOR AILING SUGAR MILLS

Cane growing farmers in the western region have petitioned the Government to write off debts owned by sugar companies in the bloc.

This comes after the Agriculture CS Mwangi Kiunjuri issued a warning that the government was ready to shutdown sugar mills that struggled to operate after unsuccessful bailout attempts.

He was speaking in Muhoroni where he addressed farmers on the aggressive restructuring policy the government had adopted to revive the ailing sugar industry.

Kiunjuri also defended the composition of the 15-member sugar task force committee tasked with finding solutions in the sugar sector within 30 days.

The task force is co-chaired by the CS and Kakamega Governor Wycliffe Oparanya. Other members include Governors Okoth Obado (Migori) and Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o (Kisumu), a representative of public millers and two representatives from private millers among others.

The government he said, was the in the process of reviewing plans to resuscitate ailing sugar mills and stringent measures had be adopted to make the sector profitable again.

He had earlier visited the Kisumu National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) depot where he revealed that the facility had received 600,000 bags of maize against its total capacity of 900,000 bags.

The visit was part of an inter -ministerial inspection mission ahead of a planned countrywide visit to all depots to ascertain the safety of maize being stored.

CONTRACTORS PRE-BIDING MEETING

The County department of roads, transport and public works, held a discursive meeting with contractors at the Prosperity House to deliberate on bidding issues touching on the tender advertisements made.

According to the County Minister, Hon. Thomas Dwiti, "the County, is delegating their duties while trying to keep within the regulations on offering jobs to the youths particularly in the field of road construction"

He urged the bidders to carefully read through the documents needed in the bidding process in order to understand the processes well.



County Minister for Roads, Transport and Public Works Hon. Thomas Dwiti addressing contractors at the conference hall, prosperity house



Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o test drives a waste excavator machine joining him are the county clean up team during a routine sanitation exercise.

KISUMU CITY, THE CLEANEST

With the purchase of waste management equipment worth sh139 Million Kisumu County is set to defend its new title as the cleanest city in Kenya.

Kisumu City leapfrogged Nakuru and Kericho to become the cleanest town in Kenya. In a new survey, the city scored 97 %, followed by Nakuru, Kericho and Machakos, respectively.

The purchase of the equipment will also change the lives of young people as about 300 of them will be earning a monthly wage of sh5000 from cleaning menials within the county.

The Governor of Kisumu Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, launched an assortment of equipment including: wheeled backhoe loader medium duty, truck mounted skip loader, skip loader container, crawler excavator with beaker set, road sweeper tractor towed, side rotary mower heavy duty tractor operated, tipping trailer 4-ton, double cabin picks up, refuse compactor, tipping trailer, agricultural tractors, branded protective clothing, hand tools and light equipment.

In further efforts to continue making Kisumu clean, The City Manager Ms Doris Ombara announced the commencement of the second phase in relocating Kachok Dumpsite, scheduled for Monday 19th November, 2018.



Participants taking part in the ploughing contest held at the Maseno University grounds.

PLOUGHING CONTEST IN MASENO

The Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) this week joined the County Government in hosting this year's ploughing contest held at the Maseno University grounds.

Different agricultural technologies were on display as locals flocked the venue to compete in the demonstrations.

According to Dr. Japheth Jamoza, the acting vice chair Kenya Ploughing Organization, the main goal of the competition was to empower farmers on appropriate agricultural techniques for efficiency in agricultural production.

The hand digging category attracted 17 participants with the County Government of Kisumu, ASK, Maseno University and the Sugar Research Institute battling it out in the ploughing categories.

The event also showcased an exhibition on different ploughing innovations and technologies that included tractor ploughing (Mould board and Disc plough) categories.

KISUMU LAUNCHES ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE HEALTH POLICY.

The County Government launched an adolescent and Young people's Health policy which spells out the best approach to adopt while dealing with crucial matters revolving around adolescents and young people on matters health.

The event which was officiated by the County boss Professor, Peter Anyang' Nyong'o alongside Health Cabinet Secretary Hon Cecily Kariuki, highlighted on the need for all the stakeholders to be sensitive to issues affecting the young people and adolescents during their development stages to create a conducive environment for upright nurture.

While addressing the audience at Grand Royal Swiss Hotel in Kisumu, the Governor said that it is time the adolescents and young people were taken through adequate capacity building and empowerment to enable them achieve their future dreams without being swayed by peer influence, early pregnancies, HIV and AIDS, Irresponsible sexual behavior, poverty among many other bottlenecks they undergo during their transition into adulthood.

On her part, the Health Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Cecily Kariuki applauded Kisumu County Government for being proactive in formulating policies that prioritize the interests of the adolescents and young people. She added that with the policy launched, the County Government would be able to clearly articulate the need areas and promptly address them to give the young people ample time to achieve their respective goals in life.

Also present were: Mama Kisumu Dorothy Nyong'o, County Minister for Health



(From right), County minister for health Dr. Rosemary Obara, Mama County Dorothy Nyong'o, Health CS Cecily Kariuki and Governor Nyong'o among other guests holding copies of a policy during the launch of Adolescent and young people's Health policy.

Also present were: Mama Kisumu Dorothy Nyong'o, County Minister for Health Dr. Rosemary Obara, Minister for Environment, Water and Irrigation Hon. Salmon Drimba, Dr. Edwin Mwangi, Director EGPAF Kenya among many other dignitaries.

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