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Deputy Governor, Dr Mathew Owili chairing the meeting between County government and the World bank in the County office

THE WORLD BANK DEVELOPMENT MISSION IN KISUMU COUNTY

The World Bank is set to carry out a comprehensive study in Kisumu to understand the impact of devolution on service delivery.

Earlier this week, County officials led by the Deputy Governor Dr Mathew Owili and the County Secretary Dr. Olang'o Onudi hosted a delegation from the Bank to discuss how best the study can be conducted.

Dr. Owili assured the team of good coordination and cooperation from the County government to ensure a good report is documented.

The World Bank team noted that the study will focus on five thematic areas namely; health, agriculture, water environment & urban planning.

"We intend to listen to the people of Kisumu so that we are able to understand how devolution works, it's challenges. The door is wide open for suggestions on how we can impact service delivery through devolution" Said Murathia Kinuthia from the World Bank team.

The delegation was on a two-day mission to engage county stakeholders in activities central to service delivery. The team scheduled to meet technical officers from the county government, the city board not excluding the County Assembly leadership.

The mission will also visit service delivery outlets such as health facilities, ECD Centres and water provision outlets.

Other Counties involved in the study are Nairobi, Making, Nyandarua and Garissa.

The County Ministers present during the visit included Dixon Obungu, (Lands) Dr. John Ogone (Education), development partners among other county officials.



Kisumu Water and Sewerage Company MD Mr. Thomas Odongo and officials from the European Investment Bank and French Development Agency in Kisumu

7.9 BILLION DEAL FOR EXPANSION OF WATER SUPPLY

Kisumu County to sign a deal with the development partners; the European Investment Bank and French Development Agency to improve water services across the County.

The delegation that called on the Deputy Governor, Dr. Mathew Owili in his office at Prosperity House, came to appraise projects they are funding which include: The Lake Victoria Water Service and Sanitation Project, Extension of sewerage networks, and distribution and rehabilitation of water systems.

The Deputy Governor on his part said, the government is focused on improving water supply as a way of changing lives of Kisumu residents. With old systems stalling, the County Government has already put in elaborate measures to improve water quality in the urban and rural settlements.

The developments will see the County, national government and development partners work closely to overhaul and redevelop water infrastructure within the lake front.

Also present were CEC's Markets and Cooperatives Richard Ogenjo, Lands and Housing Dixon Obungu accompanied by his Chief Officer Arch. Steve Gome, KIWASCO Managing Director Eng. Thomas Odongo and Eng. Petronilla Ogut from Lake Victoria South Water Services Board.



County director Fisheries Mr. Kenneth Kigalu Luga demonstrating the filtration process at the EU H2O2O VicInAqua project Centre at Nyalenda Sewer treatment ponds

VICINAQUA PROJECT HANDED OVER TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The management and technical running of the VicInAqua pilot project in Kisumu is set for to hand over the project to the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (DALF) of the county government as the project comes to its end.

The VicInAqua project is aimed at enabling the supply of clean water to RAS and agriculture (water reuse) through a single solution water treatment (sanitation) of different wastewater streams including domestic waste, fish production and processing industry.

The EU H2O2O VicInAqua is a developed innovative self-cleaning water filtration solutions for the sanitation of different wastewater streams in Lake Victoria Basin. The project is a consortium of 11 organizations including, Universities, policy makers, companies in Europe, research organizations and is funded by the European Union.

The sustainability of the project is designed to protect the environment and empower local stakeholders in the agro and aquaculture sectors.

According to the project's coordinator Prof. Jan Hoinkis of Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences (HsKA, Germany) the VicInAqua has been a very successful research project despite challenges. Prof. Hoinkis stated that the project was about fostering mutual cultural exchange in order to bridge the gap between the European and African societies.

The partner department of Agriculture livestock and fisheries led by the County Director Fisheries Mr. Kenneth Kigalu Luga will use the pilot as a training and demonstration facility to promote the aquaculture sector and increase awareness, knowledge and skills for fish farmers.

A MILLION WORTH OF BOOK DONATIONS TO KISUMU

The 18th edition of the Kisumu regional Book fair organized by the Kenya Publishers association has pledged a donation of books worth Ksh. 1Million to go to schools across the County.

The 4-day book fair that kicked off on the 22nd through to 25th of May 2019 at the Jomo Kenyatta Sports ground is aimed at promoting and encouraging reading culture by giving residents of Kisumu a chance to interact with local and international exhibitors.

The event was Officially opened by the County Minister for Education ICT and Human Resource for development, Dr. John Obiero Ogone who represented the Deputy Governor Dr. Mathew Owili. The event was also attended by Various stakeholders in the Education Sector including the County Director of Education Dr. Isaac Ateka.

In his official opening speech, the Deputy Governor acknowledged the significance of the book fair, stating that education is at the heart of the transformation that the County government looks forward to achieve.

"We are happy to be host to a range of publishers whose interpretation of the curriculum will enrich and operationalize curriculum implementation in this region."

Dr. Owili also urged Kisumu people to adopt a strong reading culture adding that such book fairs offer important opportunity for people to appreciate books. The Deputy Governor also bade the Association to assist the County government in populating resource centers that are set to be Established in all the sub counties to enhance learning and promote the reading culture.



County Minister Dr. John Obiero Ogone receiving a book from the Kenya Publishers association and the Managing Director Mountain Top Publishers Mr. Lawrence Njagi after the official opening of the Kisumu regional book fair

The chairman of the Kenya Publishers association and the Managing Director Mountain Top Publishers Mr. Lawrence Njagi announced the associations plans to donate books worth a million Kenya shillings and also equipping a school library at Manyatta primary in a CSR event organized for the 24th of May 2019.

Members of Association emphasized that It is there duty to ensure that society is able to communicate effectively on issues that confront it and do so through books and to enhance a peaceful coexistence trusting that Kisumu will pick up.

DISTRIBUTION OF LEARNING MATERIALS FOR ECDE

Kisumu County government through the Ministry of Education, ICT and human resource development this week distributed learning materials in Kisumu West Sub county,

The materials distributed included teachers guide, Text books and exercise books. The texts books were of the following fields; Environmental activity, Language activities, Mathematics, Psychomotor /Outdoor activities & CRE.

The event was presided over by County minister of Education Dr. Obiero Ogone. The County minister in his statement said that the learning materials will help to implement capacity based curriculum. (CBC). Dr. Ogone also reiterated the County government's commitment in ensuring good welfare and conducive environment for the ECD assistants. "We want to concentrate on learning and welfare of teachers." He said that talks are at an advanced stage between the Executive and the public service board to employ Teachers on permanent basis.

The Ag. County director of ECD Madam Margaret K. Apondi in her remarks emphasised that the books are Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) approved and urged the ECD assistants to take good care of the books.

The director stated that the books worth 20 Million was set for distribution to all the seven sub counties. She also cited that the feeding program to ECD Centres has been a success.



The County Minister for Education issuing text books to the Early Childhood Education (ECDE) centres in Kisumu West Sub-County

KISUMU TO STRENGTHEN TRADE TIES WITH UGANDA

The Uganda High Commissioner to Kenya H.E. Awere Phibby Ataala, led a diplomatic delegation to the County government of Kisumu where they were received by Deputy Governor Dr. Mathew Owili.

The delegation is on a bilateral mission to strengthen trade ties and open up the lake front for infrastructural development.

Topping the discussions was the possibility of partnership as the two leaders promised to work together to improve economic relations.

Through its development partners, County government is currently working towards clearing the hyacinth from the lake.

In his Visit to Kisumu last year President Uhuru Kenyatta joined by AU High Representative for Infrastructure RT. Hon. Raila Odinga committed to work closely with regional leaders to revive maritime transport within Lake Victoria.

The deputy Governor was joined by County Ministers, Richard Ogeno (Markets and Cooperatives), Dr. John Ogone (Education), Alice Moraa (Energy and Industrialization) and representatives from the LREB.

The team is scheduled to meet technical officers from the County government, the city board and the County Assembly leadership.



Uganda High Commissioner to Kenya H.E. Awere Phibby Ataala in the deputy governors office during her visit to the county government of Kisumu, deputy governors office.

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