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## A great destination for Investment and Growth

The transfer of power and resources to counties remains one of the notable strengths and successes of the 2010 Kenyan Constitution. The country continues to witness an upward trajectory in development across all sectors as the nine year wind of devolution blows swiftly across Kenya. True to say, each of the 47 counties have witnessed unique transformative achievements that Kenyans can celebrate as devolution family.

As the tenure of the pioneer Governors' comes to an end, slightly over a year from now, the devolved units have re-engineered a rebirth of the country's independence dream through devolution as envisioned by the proponents of the Constitution, mirroring the erstwhile objective of 'Nation building' by our forefathers.

Kakamega County, a member of the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB), is endowed with huge potential for investment and growth due to her favourable climatic conditions, diverse agro ecological zones with volcanic soil in the north and predominantly sandy loam in central and southern regions; and a rich traditional and cultural history. Just like the rest of the devolved units, Kakamega is a leading example of the now working governance structures of the devolved units thanks to her conspicuously existing operational system that has opened up the county for growth and investment.

Additionally, the numerous tourism attraction features and activities such as the Crying stone, Mawe Tatu, Khuvasali water falls, Misango Hills, Bull fighting, other entertaining sports like football and rugby and Kenya's only Royal family and traditional administration; the Wanga Kingdom, the Luhya Isukuti dance that is inscribed by Unesco as a world intangible cultural heritage, among others, form important environment aspects for human social and physical well being.

Kakamega offers necessary incentives for investment; they include land, water, electricity, good road infrastructure, air transport via Kisumu International Airport, as well as Eldoret and Kakamega Airstrips and marine through Lake Victoria, both skilled and unskilled human resource, financial and learning institutions, very peaceful and welcoming people coupled with existing hospitality facilities, friendly policies, good leadership and a conducive administrative and political environment, all that potential investors treasure.

Through mutual constitutional relationship with the County Assembly of Kakamega that plays its roles effectively, among them, the peoples' representative and legislation, the County Government continues to advocate for socioeconomic and digital transformation of the almost two million residents renewing their hope for a better, brighter and prosperous future. The county continues to seal corruption loopholes

by developing and implementing tough policies as well as embracing technology by installing CCTV equipment on government premises and along the streets. In 2017 we successfully advanced Kakamega into a cashless county for all services that require financial transactions.

Having spearheaded the formation of Kenya's long term development blueprint; Kenya's Vision 2030, and being strategically placed in implementing the document's ambitious goals enumerated under the economic, social and political pillars at the devolved unit level, backed by my deputy, Professor Philip Kutima, we shall always be grateful to the people of Kakamega County for entrusting us with the leadership of this great county as their first Chief Executives for two consecutive terms.

Now welcome and witness the fruits of devolution in Kakamega, the Green Jewel, matching the road to a wealthy and vibrant county offering high quality services to its residents.



H.E. Hon. Prof. Philip Museve Kutima, EGJ.,  
Deputy Governor Kakamega County

## Health Services

The county government's vision of the health sector is to improve access to universal health care by ensuring affordable healthcare for the people. Key achievements include:

- » Phase I of the mega Kakamega County Teaching and Referral Hospital (KCTRH) structure now at 90% completion rate; This iconic project, a 750 modern bed capacity with 17 specialized theaters, 14 maternity theatres, 51 ICU beds, 27 dialysis beds, an oncology unit with radiotherapy will also have a seamless digital hospital management system when complete.
- » Implemented a maternal and newborn child health program, popularly known as OparanyaCare; Uptake of 4th Antenatal clinic visits increased from 39% in 2014 to 62% in 2020; Skilled deliveries have risen from 56.9% in 2014 to 74.3% in 2020; Successful implementation of this program in Kakamega County has been a reference point for both the national and county governments on cash transfer to mothers.
- » Collaborated with Masinde Muliro University of Science and



The new Mumias Level 4 Hospital, the county has also constructed Shamakhubu Level 4 in Shinyalu Sub-county and improved infrastructure in all the other Level 4 health facilities.



Phase I of the on-going 750 bed capacity Kakamega County Teaching and Referral Hospital (KCTRH) project.

- Technology (MMUST) in establishing a School of Medicine in anticipation of the commissioning of the level 6 KCTRH.
- » The County has 12 ambulances fleet. This has improved patients survival since 2014 through prompt and safe evacuation services.
- » Constructed two modern Level 4 health facilities, Shamakhubu in Shinyalu and Mumias in Mumias West.
- » Expanded and renovated all 13 level 4 hospitals as well as the County General Hospital (CGH); Shianda, Elwesero, Matete

- and Khwisero health centres to be elevated to level 4 this financial year.
- » Equipped CGH with ultra-modern machines lessening trips of residents seeking services outside Kakamega County; these includes Oxygen generating plants and a CT-Scan equipment.
- » The Blood Center at CGH serves patients both locally and beyond Kakamega County.
- » Renovated and constructed the Kakamega County Funeral Parlour, one of its kind in Kenya.

## Education, Science and Technology

Kakamega county government has continued to improve the quality of education by investing in the young generation which is critical for sustaining present and future livelihoods.

In this sector, the county has:

- » Constructed 532 ECDE classrooms and equipped 376 ECDE centres with learner



Learners and teachers during a physical education session at the newly constructed Kakamega Primary ECDE centre.



Matigi County Polytechnic, one of the 35 County Polytechnics with Twin workshops.

- friendly child sized tables and chairs.
- » Recruited 1,901 trained ECDE teachers and trained 841 of them on Contemporary Based Curriculum and Financial Management.
- » County capitation of Shs1,000/- to every ECDE learner has resulted in increased enrolment in the ECDE centres from 75,469 in 2013 to 117,465 in 2021.
- » Constructed 35 Twin workshops in County Polytechnics across the County.
- » All students in the 63 County Polytechnics receive a capitation of KSh 15,000 each; the institutions are provided with tools, equipment and curriculum support materials in addition to employing 554 instructors.



Matungu County Polytechnic students in Matungu Sub-County on sewing machines during a practical lesson.



Governor Oparanya tries out the learner friendly furniture at Kakamega Primary E.C.D.E. centre.

- » Enrolment in County Polytechnics increased from 3,555 in 2013 to 10,539 in 2021.
- » Through the Agricultural Technical Vocational Education and Training (ATVET) Programme, 2,500 students have received entrepreneurial skills, with a capitation of Sh15,000/- per trainee.
- » Kakamega County Scholarship Programme has so far benefitted 60 bright and needy students to study in universities both locally and internationally in China.
- » Kakamega County Ward Based Bursary has benefited 110,541 students in secondary schools and middle level colleges.
- » Kakamega County Helb Loan Scheme has benefited 7,523 students in institutions of higher learning.
- » Kakamega County Afya Elimu Loan Fund has benefited 1,101 students undertaking specific medical related courses in learning institutions.

## Agriculture, Irrigation, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives



Governor Oparanya gives in-calf heifers to beneficiaries of the County's One Cow Initiative Programme.

Agriculture is the backbone of Kakamega County's economy. In order to improve food security from 67% to 80% by 2022, the government continues to thrive and strengthen the following strides:

- » Funded the farm inputs subsidy programme to a tune of Ksh 2.68 billion since FY 2014/15 resulting in improved food security across the county.
- » Supported more than 24,000 vulnerable resident farmers, mostly women, with free fertilizer and maize seed in addition to the larger population of the beneficiaries.
- » Distributed 40,000 day old chicks to farmers as part of the county subsidy program.
- » Constructed and commissioned a modern Kakamega County Fish Processing Plant. The plant is accredited to export fish and fish products to the European market. Recently,

Kakamega won the 2021 Best Fish Farmer Competition in Kenya in a survey conducted by Lattice Aquaculture Limited thanks to the county's subsidized fish feeds program.

- » One Cow Initiative program has seen 1,789 in-calf heifers distributed to farmers coupled with subsidized Artificial Insemination (AI) and vaccination services improving genetics of cows and milk production hence enhancing the county economy.
- » Kakamega County Dairy Processing Plant in Malava Sub-County to be equipped and commissioned upon completion.
- » Supported Farmers Cooperatives financially to a tune of Shs20 million as grants to scale up their operations through target value chains county wide.



Deputy Governor Prof. Philip Kutima gives subsidized farm inputs to farmers in Lugari Sub-County.



Governor Oparanya, Swedish Ambassador to Kenya Caroline Vicini and CEO DAS Group Limited during the official opening of the Kakamega County Fish Processing plant.

## Finance, Economic Planning and ICT

As a county that values prudent financial management, proper planning and application of ICT in service delivery, Kakamega has realized major milestones:

- » The Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) a modular software system designed to integrate the main functional areas of the county's business processes into a unified system has led to an increase in the county's own source revenue, from Shs 400 million in 2013 to 1.18Shs billion in 2021, through e-revenue collection and widening tax base. Clients pay for services by simply dialing USSD code \*606#.
- » Vehicle tracking management system has enhanced security and prevented misuse of Government automobile facilities through constant monitoring.
- » Document Management System has transformed the manual processes to automated functions offering seamless exchange of information enhancing quick accurate decision making.
- » County Production Studio to be commissioned this financial year.



County Production Studio; This facility will drastically cut on production costs of electronic publicity material as well as support entertainment and broadcast talent development among the youths.

## Water, Environment and Natural Resources



Chief Officer for Water Eng. Joseck Maloba inspecting water connectivity works in Mumias East Sub-County.



A 500m<sup>3</sup> capacity distribution water tank at Misango Hills in Khwisero Sub-County.



Lumino water distribution tanks in Likuyani Sub-County.

Access to clean and safe piped water is one of the key objectives of the County Government of Kakamega to the residents. In realizing this mandate, the government has put in place the following mechanisms:

- » Connected over 510,000 people to subsidized piped clean safe water across the county; the program dubbed *amatsi*

*khumukuru*, a Luhya phrase which means water at your doorstep is an ongoing project. Cases of waterborne diseases have drastically reduced in the county.

- » Two companies; the Kakamega County Urban Water and Sewerage Company (KACUWASCO) and the Kakamega

Rural Water Company are serving residents both in urban and rural areas respectively.

- » Kakamega county has moved the tree cover from 9.8 (FAO 2015), progressively now targeting 15% cover by 2023.

## Public Service and County Administration



Governor Oparanya hands over symbols of authority to a Community Area Administrator.

Effective, efficient management and development of the human resource remains at the apex of Kakamega county government's manifesto in realizing delivery of quality services to the people. Important activities and projects have so far been realized:

- » Decentralized devolved functions to all the 12 Sub-Counties, 60 Wards and 400 Community Areas serving the residents equitably.
- » Established 400 Community Area Councils to provide for effective

coordination and administrative services of devolved functions at the community level.

- » Recruited 3,000 professionals serving people in different capacities.
- » The constructed buildings infrastructure has enabled staff to deliver services to the people more effectively and efficiently.
- » Residents can now access government services closer to their work places and residences through the County Government Administrative structure.



CAA Bendera Community Area Mr. Ibrahim Isagi attends to a client at the Lugari Sub-County Headquarters office.

## Lands, Housing, Urban Areas and Physical Planning

As part of the county's efforts to accelerate the elevation of Kakamega Municipality to a City, the county government has achieved the following:

- » Upgraded 7.4km of earth roads to bitumen standards within Kakamega and Mumias Municipalities.
- » Constructed 6.7km of non-motorised transport within the Municipalities.
- » Refurbished Kakamega Muliro gardens to acquire



The refurbished Muliro Gardens at the heart of Kakamega CBD.

modern standards.

- » Initiated construction of 1,500 studio, two and three bedrooms affordable housing project this

financial year. This is a lifetime investment for civil servants of both County and National Governments in Kakamega and neighbouring counties.

## Roads, Public Works and Energy

To enhance the county's road network in order to increase accessibility and connectivity, Kakamega County has:

- » Upgraded 150km gravel roads to bitumen standards across the county.
- » Constructed 46 out of the targeted 50 bridges including the famous Khaunga bridge, popularly known as the Oparanya bridge.
- » Constructed a total of 3,600km gravel roads have been and maintained under the Ten Kilometers per Ward Programme connecting rural areas to markets and other essential facilities.
- » Installed 73 functioning highmast floodlights across the County; targeting a total of 100 masts by June 2022.



Maraba - Luanda shop - Shikoti bitumen road in Lurambi Sub-County



The famous majestic 75 metres long by 11 metres wide Khaunga bridge across River Nzoia connecting Matungu, Mumias East and Navakholo Sub-Counties.

Social protection is a major priority of the County Government of Kakamega aimed at reducing poverty and vulnerability among the residents. The government continues to deliver key policies, programmes and projects in this sector:

- » 3,700 youths and women engaged under the County Youths Service and Women Empowerment Programme (CYSWP) known as Kazi Mashinani; to clean markets, open up trenches, maintain roads across the county and offer security services at government institutions.

- » Constructed 1,440 low cost housing units, issued similar number of mattresses and 2,880 blankets to the less fortunate elderly and other most vulnerable residents. The County targets to deliver 2,520 units cumulatively by June 2022.

- » 693 bodaboda riders trained and issued with driving licenses to improve road safety. Plans are underway to provide motorcyclists with accident insurance cover.

## Social Services, Youths, Women Empowerment, Sports and Culture



The Kakamega Bukhungu International Stadium Phase I; Phase II is under construction while Phase III at procurement stage.



Officers of the County Youths Service and Women Empowerment Program during their pass out parade ceremony at Bukhungu stadium.

- » Phase II Construction of the over 30,000 seating capacity Bukhungu International Stadium on course; at 45% done. Third and last phase is at the procurement stage. The stadium is expected to generate over Shs 2 million a month once complete and active. Currently the stadium continues to create employment opportunities to many people, boosting economic activities of the County and a source of motivation to youths through sports development.



Governor Oparanya presents a trophy to an outstanding youth recruit during the pass out ceremony at Bukhungu stadium.

## Trade, Industrialization and Tourism



Miss Tourism Kakamega County (2018) Linet Kamadi being crowned by Kakamega County First Lady Mrs. Priscillah Ambetsa Oparanya (left) with her Busia County counterpart Mrs. Judy Ojaamong at Golf Hotel Kakamega.



Modern Harambee open air market in operation in Matungu Sub-County; also showing a highmast floodlight.

Kakamega County's manufacturing Agenda is a catalyst that will drive the county's socio-economic development in line with "The Big Four Agenda." To realize this, the county government has:

- » Constructed 15 modern markets, one per Sub-County and 3 more open air markets; Dudi and Manyulia in Khwisero and Shirere in Shinyalu Sub-Counties.
- » Refurbished 20 public markets across the county.
- » Constructed 25 stock rings across the county.
- » Fabricated and installed 755 modern

kiosks, in use countywide.

(Ikhongo murwi).

- » Constructed 14 ablution blocks in the entire county.
- » Constructed 28 six-door modern toilets in the whole county.
- » Commenced the process of fencing of the Kakamega Tropical Rain Forest and establishment of a world class ecolodge in the forest.
- » Initiated the process of developing and promoting cultural heritage tourism sites. They include; Misango Hills, Nabongo Shrines, Kambiri Hills, Mugai Caves and Stones, Mawe Tatu hills and the Crying stone

These achievements with other milestones witnessed across Kakamega inline with the county's mission of improving the welfare of the people through formulation and implementation of all-inclusive multi-sectoral policies, is a clear testimony that indeed devolution is working and that with good governance and political goodwill in place, Kenya is poised for greater heights.

During this Corona virus era, remember to observe the Ministry of Health's Covid-19 protocols; wash your hands thoroughly, sanitize regularly, keep social distance and get vaccinated. Corona virus is real.



Governor Oparanya tours the newly commissioned Kakamega County Fish Processing Plant.