

Nairobi TODAY

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Governor Sakaja's Year One score card



Governor's Note

Dear Nairobians,

I cannot believe that it has been a year since we embarked on the journey towards unity and transformation. It has been a remarkable year and I am grateful for the trust that you have placed in me and my team and for the achievements we have accomplished together.

I am delighted to share with you in the second edition of Nairobi Today, a summary of our achievements over the past year, as we continued our relentless pursuit of progress and prosperity for our beloved city, Nairobi and its citizens. The past year has been a testament to the power of collaboration, innovation, and dedication to creating a brighter future for all. Our collective efforts have reshaped the trajectory of our county, setting the stage for a future that is brighter and more promising than ever before.

From day one, our vision has been clear: to bring back order, dignity, hope and create opportunities for the citizens of Nairobi. I am therefore proud to share some of the highlights that defined our first year in office.

As we look ahead to the years to come, let us remember that the path to progress is a continuous one. We have laid a strong foundation, and together, we shall build upon it. Let us embrace innovation, diversity, and the power of unity to shape a future that surpasses our wildest dreams.

With determination in our hearts and a shared vision in our minds, I am confident that the best is yet to come as we strive to make Nairobi work!

H.E Hon. Sakaja Arthur Johnson, CBS

Environment

1,075,987.61 Total tonnage collected
85 Contractors hired in all 17 sub-counties and dump site
3,500 green army hired
11 air quality monitors installed

Security and Compliance

1,000 constables to be hired to boost security and enforcement

Lands

Close to **5,000** Titles deeds issued including 42 schools

Health

1st ICU opened in Mama Lucy Hospital
244M of worth Medical supplies in n118 facilities

Education

1.025B executive scholarships and ward bursaries
100M ECDE bursaries

Roads

50KMs of roads rehabilitated

Lights

9758 restored street lights, **925** new street lighting

Revenue

10.6B revenue collected, the highest in past five years

In the heart of Nairobi City County, a quiet revolution has been underway over the past year, under the leadership of His Excellency Hon. Sakaja Johnson and His Deputy Hon.

Njoroge Muchiri. As they mark their first year in office, the county stands witness to a remarkable change that is transforming its landscape, economy,

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I am excited to be part of the second edition of Nairobi Today especially because it marks a year since we began working with and for the great people of Nairobi City County.

As we reflect on the achievements of the past year, I am deeply grateful to the citizens and friends of Nairobi City County for their unwavering support, resilience and determination to make

Nairobi work. Our successes would not have been possible without your partnership.

My greatest highlight in the past year has been our government's resolve to create a favourable environment for informal traders in Nairobi City County. I have always taken great concern about the informal traders and I am proud to be part of the team led by our Governor Hon. Sakaja, which has spearhead the construction of 5 new markets to ensure that traders have enough selling place and that order and dignity is restored. 200 traders have also undergone financial literacy training to empower then run their businesses better.

Nairobi City County Government has also initiated the process of relocating informal traders operating within the Central Business District (CBD) to the backstreet lanes. Plans are also underway to erect shades connected with electricity and other amenities to improve traders' business conditions.

While we celebrate our accomplishments, we look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we will continue to shape a brighter, more prosperous future for every individual in our great county.

H.E Njoroge Muchiri,

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Governor Sakaja's Year One score card

and community fabric. The heartfelt testimonials of citizens who have directly experienced the impact of his leadership in the past year is a testament of the transformative power of visionary leadership.

Grace Kimilu a trader and Chairlady of the Kiondo Women Group at Mwariro Market expresses her gratitude to Governor Sakaja for the construction of the market that has given her and her colleagues other traders a good environment to operate their businesses and restored dignity to their work. "Thanks to the Governor's support, I have seen new opportunities for growth in my business," Grace said. "From streamlined licensing processes to access to resources, it's been a game-changer." The resilience of businesses and the untapped potential is attracting new investments, nurturing local entrepreneurship, and creating 4,500 new job opportunities, all of which have contributed to an improved economy.

Education has emerged as a cornerstone of Governor Sakaja's administration. Ms. Rebecca Kimondo, a trader in Ngara market and a parent to one of the beneficiaries of school bursaries says that she is very grateful to Governor Sakaja for the bursary given to her child. "The bursary is an answered prayer for me and it's very reassuring to see the Governor's commitment to our children's future and for that I am very grateful." she adds.

Healthcare accessibility has been another success story. Deputy-In-Charge of the ICU at Mama Lucy Hospital Ms. Caroline Kanana praised Governor Sakaja's dedication to improving healthcare services in public facilities. She says that the ICU which is the first ever in a public hospital has become a lifeline to critical care patients as they can now access the care they need when they need it. "This facility will go a long way in saving lives as patients in underserved areas can now access quality healthcare closer to them," Ms. Kanana remarked.

Governor Sakaja's commitment to infrastructure development has garnered admiration as well. Sydney Kusimba, a resident of Nairobi county and commuter, shared his experiences. "Our roads and public transportation have undergone significant upgrades, easing traffic congestion and improving overall connectivity," he said.

From revitalizing public spaces to promoting environmental sustainability, Governor Sakaja's achievements have been both diverse and impactful. These testimonials paint a vivid picture of a year that has instilled a renewed sense of pride and hope among county residents.

As we look ahead, it is evident that his commitment to progress, transparency, and inclusivity will continue to shape a brighter future for our county. The Governor's first successful year is not just a testament to leadership but also a celebration of citizens coming together to create a stronger and more vibrant community.

From Waste to Dignity : Youth-Led Environmental Revolution in Lucky Summer Ward



Alvo cleaning up a section of the polluted river in Lucky Summer ward

In the heart of Nairobi County's Lucky Summer Ward in Ruaraka Sub-County, a quiet yet impactful activity has been taking place. Guided by the visionary goals of their Governor's manifesto, the youth of Lucky Summer are leading the charge in solid waste management and environmental conservation, breathing new life into their community and aligning with the principles of order, dignity, opportunity, and hope.

The driving force behind this transformative movement is the Luckysummer Environmental & Waste Management Organisation (LEWMO), a consortium of 15 organized youth groups. Each group, comprising 15 to 20 members, has united their efforts to tackle environmental challenges from household to ward level. Their reach spans across the six villages within Lucky Summer Ward: Mugure,

Gathecha, Lucky Summer, Bakita, IQRA, and Glucola.

At the helm of this movement stands Alvin Ochieng (Alvo), the Founder and Chairman of LEWMO. Under his leadership, these youth groups have rallied together to empower their community and offer invaluable services, working closely with the Lucky Summer ward administrator, Mr. Wario.

Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. Lucky Summer Ward has become a model for the entire Nairobi region, demonstrating how the power of collective action can address crime, elevate waste management standards, generate employment opportunities, and pave the way for a better quality of life.

With 400 youth across 15 groups, the consortium has achieved remarkable

feats. Despite the absence of a dedicated environment staff, they voluntarily clean the ward and coordinate garbage collection twice a week. A key achievement has been the eradication of dumpsites, replaced with rejuvenated parks and recreation centers that provide dignity to the community.

Aligned with the Governor's vision, these youth are committed to achieve their goal of "zero waste to river" through their "Circular Economy" campaign, striving to maximize waste management efficiency.

The 30,000 residents in Lucky Summer benefit from their dedicated efforts. Alvin believes that if the youth continue to shoulder the responsibilities of the ward, they can steer their community toward order, dignity, and prosperity. Their transformed Tempo Center, once a neglected space, now serves as a vibrant hub for youth empowerment through arts. Not only has this center nurtured local talent, but it has also seen 1,500 youths thrive and even go abroad for various opportunities.

LEWMO's voluntary activities cover crucial areas, including; waste collection, river restoration, training programs, community cleanups, and environmental awareness initiatives. They have managed to attract youth from neighbouring communities such as Dandora who are benefitting from the waste management value chain.

As Lucky Summer Ward continues to bloom under their stewardship, these enterprising youth have demonstrated that sustainable change can be forged when passionate individuals come together for a shared vision. With order, dignity, opportunity, and hope as their guiding stars, they are nurturing a greener future for their community and beyond.



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~ Alvin Ochieng

Year one score card: Staff Speak



Josephine Nguire
 Revenue collector at the Market

"I applaud Governor Sakaja for empowering youth from Ziwani who have played a major role in the market clean up and streamlining market operations hence putting an end to cartels. I urge the Governor to keep his promise of constructing shades for women who sells curios."



Ann Wanjiku
 Enforcement team in the Governor's parlor

"I fondly recall welcoming the Governor to City Hall on his first day in office. Indeed, having worked in the county even before devolution and with his predecessors, I can attest to the fact that the Governor is committed to serving the county staff including ensuring that salaries are paid on time- and the county office has already regained it's glory as a result of this."



Dr. Bosire
 Pharmacist in charge at Mutuini Hospital

Dr. Bosire appreciated the Governor's accomplishments over the past year in the health sector especially in ensuring that drugs are available in all the health centers. This is a testament of the Governor's dedication and determination to improve healthcare in the county. "We look forward to more improved services through his leadership and more accessibility of drugs in the health facilities. He has indeed set a new standard of excellence for all of us to strive towards."



Peter Sagero
 Security & Compliance Sector

"I commend the Governor for his professionalism and his implementation of policies that have enabled work to be done efficiently. The empowerment of staff members to contribute towards service delivery also goes a long way and as a result of these efforts, we have seen a reduction in complaints"

Nairobians Speak...



F I am a beneficiary of the smooth operations and favourable business environment in Nairobi which has enabled me to expand my business and open five new shops within the market”
 ~ James Munyao
 Owner, Champion Packaging & Supplies



F I am happy my decision to move my business from Umoja to the Mwariro market has yielded fruits as the new location is accessible and has considerable foot traffic. I applaud the county government for making it easy for us to do business in. Nairobi”
 ~ Dorcas Ocheing
 Vice Chair, Market Committee



F 'Governor sakaja helped us finish school by paying our third term school fees that enabled us to sit for our KCSE”
 sentiments by Stephanie Wanja who will be joining Kenya University to undertake a course in Nutrition and Allan Wafula joining Kenyatta University to pursue fine arts

F This creative freedom to shoot on the streets has enabled me to create an income to support my everyday life as a creative. It has also allowed us as artists to present stunning visual narratives of cityscapes and urban landscapes.
 It has also contributed to economic empowerment as a result of reduced crime and youth participation”.
 ~ Elvin Arori
 A portrait, beauty and lifestyle photographer based in Nairobi



F The opening of the market has seen an increase in customers to the market and given me an opportunity to showcase my goods from Uganda to the Kenyan Community”
 ~ Trevor Bob
 trader from Uganda

Showcasing Innovations: Celebrating Youth Creativity



Nairobi, a dynamic epicenter of innovation, proudly heralded its inaugural Innovate Nairobi Tech Week—a remarkable event orchestrated by the Nairobi City County Government's Digital Economy and Startup sector. Seamlessly aligned with the 2023-2027 Comprehensive Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), this transformative five-day extravaganza unfolded from August 7th to 11th, illuminating Nairobi's global presence in the realm of technology.

At its heart, Innovate Nairobi Tech Week radiated a vibrant spotlight on the city's thriving tech ecosystem. Uniting more than 500 stakeholders deeply invested in the pursuit of innovation, the event cast Nairobi as a dynamic hub brimming with novel concepts and groundbreaking ideas.

Amplifying the event's energy was the enthusiastic involvement of over 100 young minds in an engaging hackathon. This vividly highlighted Nairobi's dedicated efforts towards nurturing a new generation of tech enthusiasts. With a staggering 700 online exhibitor registrations, the event attracted over a thousand attendees from across the nation, converging to witness Nairobi's bustling tech sphere firsthand.

The orchestration of Innovate Nairobi Tech Week was a testament to the power of collaboration, as the Nairobi City County Government partnered with 40 distinguished organizations to

bring this visionary event to fruition. This collective synergy underlined the significance of the event and resonated as a living testament to shared innovation in action.

As the inaugural chapter of Innovate Nairobi Tech Week gracefully concluded, its reverberations echoed forward—an affirmation of Nairobi's burgeoning status in the global innovation arena. A rich tapestry of accomplished goals seamlessly intertwined: the revival of Nairobi's tech prowess, the advancement of progressive policies, the empowerment of youth, and the cultivation of global partnerships. This momentous milestone marks Nairobi's transition into an era where innovation assumes center stage, guiding the city towards uncharted technological frontiers.

In the spirit of recognition, the hackathon champions were duly honored for their exceptional contributions.

This monumental event not only cast a radiant spotlight on the city's burgeoning tech scene but also fostered cross-sector collaboration, empowered the youth, and ignited transformative partnerships. As Nairobi strides forward, innovation unfurls its wings, propelling the city into a future teeming with limitless technological possibilities.

By *Gerald Odongo*

My Experience at the Innovation Week

Teddy Jacob Omondi, a 21-year-old inventor from Kisumu County, took a bold step towards unveiling his groundbreaking creation at the much-anticipated Nairobi Innovate Tech Week. Inspired by a friend's message about the event, Omondi's excitement was palpable as he navigated the online application process and embarked on a journey to secure his spot.



Omondi's brainchild was no ordinary creation. His invention, a pair of sneakers, boasted an array of features that promised to revolutionize the footwear industry. These smart sneakers, equipped with in-built music capabilities, offered wearers a musical experience while they strode. Furthermore, they came with built-in massaging features, ensuring comfort during walks and jogs. The sneakers' temperature regulation technology took it a step further, ensuring an optimal walking experience regardless of the weather.

For Omondi, the Innovate Tech Week served as an exceptional platform to introduce his invention to the world. Eager to garner exposure and recognition, he also hoped to forge partnerships with potential investors who shared his vision. The event's inclusive ethos motivated Omondi, who, despite his Kisumu base, embarked on the journey to Nairobi, believing that the organizers' open invitation to all Kenyans reflected a commitment to fostering innovation nationwide.

"I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to showcase my talents and ideas," Omondi remarked with enthusiasm. "This event isn't just about presenting my invention; it's about connecting with fellow innovators, learning from their experiences, and collectively pushing the boundaries of what's possible."

At City Hall



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE

MAPPING OUT OF LIQUOR OUTLETS

The liquor licensing function was devolved to the County Governments after the promulgation of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Nairobi City County Government regulates and controls the sale, consumption, manufacture, distribution and advertisement of alcoholic drinks as provided for under the Nairobi City County Alcoholic Drinks Control and Licensing Act, 2014.

Nairobi City County Government will from the ***21st August, 2023 – 21st September, 2023*** conduct an exercise to map out all Liquor premises across all the 17 Sub-counties within Nairobi County.

The following categories of businesses will be mapped out.

- Retailers of alcoholic Drinks(wines & spirits shops)
- Wholesalers
- Distributors
- Bars and Restaurants
- Night clubs
- Importers
- Manufacturers
- Members clubs
- Hotels

This exercise will ensure all liquor business are identified and captured in a database for the following purposes:


- Revenue enhancement
- Ensure compliance with set standards in Public Health and Environmental laws
- Aid future county planning
- Eliminate illicit and counterfeit alcohol

All business owners are urged to cooperate with the data collectors and report any concern through the following customer service numbers:

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AG. COUNTY SECRETARY AND HEAD OF COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE

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24TH JUNE 2023

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Street Lighting in Nairobi City County



Street lighting, often taken for granted, serves as a silent guardian that transforms the city's fabric from dusk till dawn. Beyond merely illuminating pathways, street lighting has a remarkable impact on safety, community connectivity, economic

activity, and the overall well-being of city dwellers.

With the introduction of Energy Efficient Street Lighting, the residents of Nairobi County will continue to enjoy enhanced security on the city streets thus creating a safer environment at night. The Energy-efficient lights will not only reduce energy consumption but also contribute to lowering carbon footprints of the county.

In keeping with his promise of restoring order and dignity to the people of Nairobi, Governor Sakaja through his administration has put up street lights across Kingara Road, James Gichuru Road all the way from the Ngong junction to Waiyaki Way. In addition, more than 1,557 streetlights have been installed/ replaced and are being maintained across the city.

"If there is light in the streets, people can stay outside longer, shops and restaurants can stay open longer meaning, generation of more revenue and also minimal night traffic accidents on our roads" said Anderson Kiman, a resident along Waiyaki way

Proper lighting on the streets will result in extended operating hours for businesses, sparking a ripple effect of economic growth. Restaurants, cafes,

and shops can extend their trading hours, catering to customers who seek to unwind or shop after work. Increased foot traffic in commercial centers will not only benefit local entrepreneurs but also bolster the city's revenue.

"This is a good initiative from the Nairobi City County administration under the leadership of Governor Sakaja. I see more people strolling than before when the street was too dark to walk around" said Miriam Akinyi ; resident on James Gichuru road

Additionally, the illumination of streets in Kilimani, Kileleshwa and Lavington will enhance the safety of both pedestrians and drivers by providing greater visibility along the sidewalks and roads.

The Nairobi County administration is committed to installing, repairing, upgrading and maintaining more street lights to foster safety, reduce traffic accidents, protect pedestrians, reduce crime and prevent road assets vandalism. This will play an integral role in shaping the quality of life for Nairobi County residents and create a city of Order and Dignity, Hope and Opportunity for all.

By Denis Bundi

Staff Profile - Evalyne Iminza.



Meet Evalyne who works as a sweeper in the Department of Environment. Her work station is along City Hall way where she has been reporting daily for the last one year. She loves a clean environment and that gives her motivation at work.

Iminza, recalls when she was invited by Hon. Governor Sakaja for a cup of teas at his office. She says it was beyond her expectation and counts herself so lucky to have had such a lifetime opportunity. They had a candid conversation about environment and how to make Nairobi clean.

Evalyne is one of the many youth that the county has given an opportunity to make a living and help in maintaining Nairobi clean.

By Gachanja Johnson

Investing in Sports Infrastructure: A Transformative Step for Nairobi's Youth and Economy



Groundbreaking of Joe kadenge Stadium

Nairobi, a city known for its vibrant culture and diverse population, is now placing a significant emphasis on the role of sports in its growth and development. The Governor of Nairobi, H.E Hon. Sakaja Arthur Johnson, has articulated the essential nature of sports as a sector deserving substantial funding. This strategic investment aims to nurture the burgeoning talents of the city's youth while also recognizing the economic potential inherent in the sports industry.

Governor Sakaja's vision extends beyond just talent development; it encompasses the creation of proper structures and infrastructure that can foster a thriving sports ecosystem. The recently approved budget by the Nairobi City County Government echoes this commitment, with a remarkable allocation of Ksh554 million dedicated to advancing stadium development and renovation across various regions within the county. This move not only underlines the city's dedication to sports but also highlights its understanding of the multifaceted benefits that a robust sports industry can bring.

Several prominent venues are set to receive a facelift as part of this initiative. The City Stadium, a site

steeped in historical significance, will undergo a transformation, both in name and substance. Governor Sakaja unveiled these plans during the Madaraka Day address at the City Stadium, emphasizing the intention to rebrand the location as the Joe Kadenge Stadium. Beyond the renaming, the governor's commitment includes extensive refurbishments and upgrades that will bring the stadium up to international standards. A considerable sum of Ksh98 million has been earmarked for the revitalization of the City Stadium, with tangible steps already taken, such as the handover to a competent contractor. The overhaul includes the installation of FIFA-approved artificial turf, durable chain links, and rectification of drainage systems, with completion expected in the coming months. These improvements are poised to alleviate the pressure on Nyayo and Kasarani Stadiums, the only operational stadiums in Nairobi currently.

Another vital project under this sports development drive is the construction of Woodley Stadium in Kibra Constituency. The Woodley Grounds, a historically significant arena, has languished in disrepair for years. However, a revival is

underway, involving the construction of a perimeter wall, installation of an artificial turf, terrace establishment, and drainage system upgrades. This revitalized stadium will not only cater to the recreational needs of Kibra residents but also become a symbol of community rejuvenation.

Notable progress is also visible at the Mwiki Grounds, where the construction of a sports complex is well underway. This complex, designed to encompass football, basketball, and volleyball facilities, holds the promise of enriching the lives of the youth in Kasarani Sub-County and beyond.

Perhaps one of the most compelling stories is that of the Dandora Stadium. Once suspended due to legal issues, the stadium's progress has been reignited through Governor Sakaja's timely intervention. Despite facing an 80% completion halt, the stadium is now at an impressive 95% completion rate. The stadium's inauguration, scheduled for September, will coincide with the unveiling of the Governor Sakaja Cup, a testament to the determination of all involved parties.

Other sports complex projects that are in progress include BP Riruta Stadium, Umeme (Kariakor), Woodley Stadium, and Kihumbuini Stadium (Westlands), solidifying their role in reshaping Nairobi's sports landscape.

The Nairobi City County Government's commitment to enhancing sports infrastructure is a commendable step that goes beyond mere stadium development. It recognizes the holistic impact that a thriving sports industry can have on youth empowerment, community engagement, and economic growth. As these projects near completion, Nairobi is poised to emerge as a regional hub for sports, enriching lives and redefining the city's future.

By Gerald Omondi

Dishi Na County set to launch in Third Term

The construction of the 10 central kitchens for School Feeding Program are approaching completion.

The construction phase has seen over 200 people employed, including women and people living with disability.

As the construction of 10 central kitchens is in the final stages, the contractors will hand them over to the county this week.

Meanwhile Governor H.E Sakaja led the staff in sampling food ahead of

the school feeding programme launch later this month. The purpose was to sample the exact meals that will be prepared and served to the pupils. The food was prepared courtesy of the 60,000 capacity Giga Kitchen by Food 4 Education.

Target is to feed nearly 250,000 learners with each pupil consuming 650grams of a balanced hot meal each school day. To ensure ownership each learner will pay Kenya Shillings 5.

Staff and members of the public today

enjoyed free lunch

Through Feeding program initiative by the Nairobi County administration for the school kids it will increase the students productivity and curb school drop outs due to the fact that students get opportunity to take lunch at school and continue their studies normally.

In Addition to feeding the school kids, the Dishi Na County program will also create employment opportunities for City residents and a market for dozens of farmers produce.



Clean up of Nairobi River kicks off

The Nairobi County Government has commenced a clean up exercise of the Nairobi River to address various aspects of regeneration and support life once again.

The exercise ensued from a public outcry over unbearable stench from the river that affected areas such as Muthangari, Riverside Drive, Westlands, Lavington, Chiromo to the stretch of Kawangware.

Phase one of the exercise involved removing solid waste from the river whose efforts have already borne fruit as there is now a steady flow of water and reduced stench.

“We would like to thank the Nairobi County Government for heeding to our pleas. We are now enjoying fresh air and can afford to work well,” reported Steven Barasa Okello; an employer in a nearby firm in the Chiromo area.

According to Nairobi County Chief Officer for Green Nairobi Mr. Ibrahim

Otieno, the exercise is being led by Governor Sakaja and his administration in partnership with Nairobi Rivers Commission, Ministry of Environment and NWSC.

“Our shared goal with the various stakeholders is to stop river pollution at source. In the past few weeks we have received several complaints about the smell of the river around Chiromo Area. We are therefore embarking on this exercise to deal with this once and for all.” He added.

The clean up will be implemented in three phases where the second phase will involve the removal of non-biodegradable wastes such as metals, residual fecal and organic materials while the last phase will involve conservation efforts such as planting trees but the river banks, among others to preserve the environment.

The county government has made a call to communities living around the

river to ensure they do not dump waste into the river and to avoid directing sewer lines into it. The Chief Officer for Green Nairobi noted that the county would deal with those that did not heed to this directive. This is especially because the county has noted that the river is a source of water consumption for some households and therefore the exercise will go a long way in promoting better health outcomes and reducing the illnesses caused by dirty water ultimately reducing the health burden on the county.

Nairobi River derives its name from the Maasai origin meaning ‘Cool Waters’. The Nairobi County government is committed to ensuring that the river regains its lost glory which is part of a greater vision for Green Nairobi. Part of the vision is to plant trees in the riparian land areas.

By Maureen Cheptoo



Fleet of 27 tippers which are part of 61 trucks and Refuse Compactors flagged off to help with the solid waste management efforts.

Kwa GROUND



Installation of street lights on Kingara road.



Environment teams cleaning up the CBD



Commissioning of the Langata NHC water project.



Clean up of Dandora 41 , street leveling.



Chief Officer Social Services pays a courtesy visit to traders along Aga Khan walk exhibiting products made by community groups



Rehabilitation of Muchai drive, Kenyatta market/ Woodley Ward. Nairobi City County Mobility & Works Sector. Funding source: RMLF.

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