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## **Making Nairobi work in 2024**



This year, 2024, the transformation of Nairobi under the leadership of Governor Sakaja Johnson continues with the roll out of various projects. The year started with the roll out of the electronic Unified Business Permit (UBP), which combines the business, fire, food, health, and advertising licenses into one in a bid to make it easier for traders and to increase revenue collection.

The second phase of Dishi na County has also been rolled out, recarpeting of roads across the city - starting with CBD, garbage collection, issuance of bursaries and construction of markets are just some of the initiatives being rolled out this quarter.

Governor Sakaja remains committed in ensuring Nairobi is working. Some of the projects for 2024 include (and not limited to):

1. Dishi Na County School Feeding Program: At the forefront of Governor



### Dishi Na county public primary and ECDE Centres

- 106 schools

## Bursaries 857,800,000 FY 2023/2024

- 124,100 bright but needy students 595M Executive Scholarships Ward Bursaries increased from 6mn in 2023 to 7m 2024



**Employment** 

Sakaja's agenda is the "Dishi Na County" School Feeding Program that is so far providing daily meals to about 180,000 school children. Recognizing the critical role nutrition plays in

seeks to ensure that no school going child in Nairobi studies on an empty stomach.

academic performance, this initiative

To complement this effort, plans are underway to construct additional kitchens across schools in the county. This expansion will not only enhance the efficiency of the school feeding program but also create employment opportunities within the community.

2. Bursaries: Governor Sakaja's commitment to education is evident in the substantial allocation of KSh. **857,800,000** for bursaries in the current fiscal year 2023/2024. This funding isprojected to benefit 124,100 bright but needy students, reflecting thegovernor's dedication to providing equal opportunities for education.

Comparatively, in the preceding financial year ending June 2023, the government disbursed an impressive KSh. 1,025,000,000 in bursaries. This consistent investment underscores the priority placed on empowering the youth through education. In addition the ward bursary has increased in this financial year to Kes 7 million from 6 million last year.

In addition, the county government of Nairobi has a scholarship program to support the needy cases especially those in our four children homes. The ECDE has also benefitted through capitation to public pre-primary schools at KSh. 3,200 per child per year.

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## **Governor's Note**

Dear Nairobians,

Happy New Year! As we embark on the journey of 2024, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to each and every resident of Nairobi. May this year bring prosperity, joy, and continued growth to each one of you and our county.

This year, we renew our commitment to the well-being of our residents by placing a strong emphasis on improving service delivery throughout the county. Efficient and effective service delivery is not just a goal; it is a fundamental aspect of good governance that directly impacts the quality of life for everyone in our county.

In 2024, we are excited to roll out a series of initiatives aimed at enhancing the accessibility, responsiveness, and overall satisfaction of our county services. From technology upgrades to streamlined processes, we are investing in innovative solutions that will make interacting with county services smoother and more user-friendly.

Transparency will continue to be a guiding principle in our administration. We are committed to keeping you informed about our progress, challenges, and successes. Regular updates will be shared through our monthly Newsletter, community forums and online platforms to ensure that you are well-informed about the changes taking place.

As we move forward into this New Year, let us seize the opportunity to work together, overcome challenges, and build a county that we can all be proud of. Our collective efforts will define the success of our shared vision for a prosperous and harmonious community.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Here's to a year of positive transformation.

Sincerely,

H.E Hon. Sakaja Arthur Johnson, EBS

Permit za Bizna Place moja! Unified Business Permit (UBP) Activation Payments can be made on the NairobiPay Portal www.nairobiservices.go.ke ) or dial \*647#, or visit the County's Customer Service Centre at City Hall Annex, Sub County and Ward Administrators offices



**New Customer** Overview of 2023 Dishi Na County **Bursaries & Mobility story** Recruitment story At City Hall UBP Budget Story Green city award, Kwa Ground - cont Pg.2 Pg.3 testmonials Pg.4 Pg.5 Pg.6 care centre Pg.7 Pg.8 Pg.9 Pg.10 Festive story Pq.11 Pg.12

## **Deputy Governor's Note**



Dear Fellow Residents,

Happy New Year! It is with great enthusiasm that I share with you our aspirations for the year ahead for the growth and prosperity of our county.

The year 2024 presents us with new opportunities and challenges, and I am confident that, together, we can overcome obstacles and achieve remarkable milestones. Our commitment to service excellence, community welfare, and progressive governance will remain unwavering as we navigate the path ahead.

Throughout the coming year, we will focus on several key areas to enhance the well-being of our residents and contribute to the sustainable development of our county. This

Economic Empowerment: We aim to implement initiatives that foster economic growth, createjob opportunities, and support local businesses. By strengthening our economic foundation, we can improve the livelihoods of our residents and build a resilient

- community.
- Infrastructure Development: Strategic investments in infrastructure projects will be a priority, ensuring that our county has has modern facilities, reliable transportation networks, and sustainable utilities. This will contribute to an improved quality of
- Social Services: We are committed to enhancing and expanding social services, including healthcare and education through initiatives such as "Dishi Na County", awarding of bursaries for students and our pursuit to achieve Universal Health Care. Our goal is to create a supportive environment that nurtures the well-being and potential of every individual in our
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Preserving and protecting our natural resources is crucial for the future. We will work towards

sustainable practices, environmental conservation, and community awareness to ensure a healthy and conducive environment for generations to come.

As we embark on this journey together, let us embrace the spirit of collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity. I am optimistic that 2024 will be a year of positive transformation, growth, and shared achievements for the great county of Nairobi.

I look forward to working closely with each of you under the leadership of our Governor Hon. Sakaja, to make our collective vision a reality. Thank you for your continued dedication to the well-being of our county.

H.E Njoroge Muchiri

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#### 3. Infrastructure Development:

Nairobi has a comprehensive infrastructure development plan that will see the recarpeting of some of the roads impacted by the recent heavy rains as well as construction of new roads. Currently recarpeting is ongoing in CBD – Mama Ngina Street and Kimathi Street – using 100 per cent county resources including the bitumen. There are also plans to continue lighting the city to increase security.

4. Green Army: In a bid to enhance environmental sustainability and create employment opportunities, Governor Sakaja recruited 2,500 youth in the Green Army last year. They have played a major role in unclogging the city thus reducing the impact of the recent rainfall. In addition, the county received an additional 50 skips towards the end of last year to assist with garbage collection. Garbage collection continues across the county with the green army at the forefront of keeping the city clean.

#### 5. Ground-breaking of Boroughs: In a

move to further decentralize government the County Executive Committee approved the formation of six boroughs. The six Boroughs will be Central, Eastern, Western, Northern, Southern and South Eastern. Ultimately, each of the Boroughs will have "one plan" and "one budget" and will be managed by a Borough Manager. Each borough will have a service centre to ensure that residents in every corner of Nairobi benefit from localized projects and services.

6. Unified Business Permit: Governor Sakaja has introduced the Unified Business Permit (UBP), an initiative that consolidates various licenses business, fire, food, health, and advertising - into one unified permit. This innovative move will simplify the licensing process for business owners, allowing them to pay for multiple licenses online and receive a single electronic permit. The UBP has now been activated as part of a deliberate effort to improve the ease of doing business parameters in this city.



These are but some of the initiatives being taken in 2024.

Pay EXECUTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

MILLION, EIGHT HUNGRED THOUSAND

Kenya Shillings: Two HUNDRED SIXTY TWO KSh 262 FOX 500

As Nairobi strides into this New Year, these transformative initiatives signal a promising future under Governor Sakaja's visionary leadership. With a focus on education, infrastructure, environmental stewardship, and business facilitation, the governor's commitment to progress is set to leave an indelible mark on the landscape and lives of Nairobi residents.



13th January 2024: Governor Sakaja signing a cheque for the executive scholarship during the launch at Nairobi Primary School



Recruitment of the 2500 Green Army in last year

## Phase 2 of Dishi Na County is Rolled Out; 100,000 More Students Being Fed\_\_\_\_\_



On the first school day of this term Nairobi county rolled out the second phase of the Dishi Na County with over 100,000 more students being fed, bringing the total number of learners in the program to 184,000 from 80,000.

The operationalization of the 10 central kitchens, built by the County, enabled for more meals to be prepared increasing the number of public schools and Early Childhood Development (ECD) centers to 164.

The Dishi Na County School Feeding Program was established to promote the well-being of the county's young learners and has made tremendous progress since its launch on 28th August 2023. This pioneering initiative aligns with the broader national goals of Vision 2030 and adheres to the principles enshrined in the Kenyan Constitution (2010) with its beneficiaries being learners in public primary schools and ECD centres.

Governor Johnson Sakaja said the project is part of a vision he had for years, to ensure the provision of a daily nutritionally balanced hot meal for all children in public primary schools and public ECD centre. He said the demand of enrollment public primary schools and ECDEs shoot up forcing

most schools to extend structures to accommodate more children.

"This subsidized school meal program has led to some of the putting up structures to accommodate more children because of increased enrollment. The terrible experience of children going hungry and attending classes on an empty stomach not able to concentrate is a thing of the past. The indicator of success in this school feeding program is how happy the children are," said Governor Sakaja.

In the first two weeks of rolling out the programme this year Governor Sakaja joined children in Lavington Primary, Kinyanjui Road Primary School, Muthangari Primary School, Kayole One Primary, Dhawabu Primary, Imara Primary, AED Mukuru kwa Rueben, Mukuru kwa Njenga Primary, Moi Avenue Primary and Kangemi Primary, to serve the children and share a meal.

"As the Governor of Nairobi City County, I am committed to ensuring the next generation, especially those from a disadvantaged background, get a chance in life, get an opportunity to reach their full potential" said Governor Sakaja.

The Dishi na County initiative operates



on a Hub and Spoke Model, with a central kitchen currently in 10 sub-counties. These are in: Starehe, Makadara, Kasarani, Roysambu, Embakasi Central, Dagoretti North, Kibra, Westlands, Ruaraka, and Embakasi South. These central kitchens utilize green energy and adhere to the highest national and international safety standards, ensuring compliance with World Health Organization (WHO) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) recommendations. Each kitchen produces about 10,000 meals a day and this is further supplemented by the modern state-of-art Industrial Area mega kitchen which provides at least 60,000 plates per day.

During the construction phase about 395 people were employed, including women and people leaving with disability.

The kitchens distribute nutritionally balanced, and hot meals to children every school day. The meals are subsidized by the County and donors with parents paying only Ksh5, making it the most affordable school lunch option in the county.

During the issuing of Bursaries this January Mildred Ayera, an Orphan who did her KCPE in New Kihumbuini Primary School, in Westalnds Sub-County, narrated how the Dishi meal everyday was a blessing that helped her concentrate better during her third term last year. "We could not afford the school lunch every day and sometimes I would go throughout the day without food. When Dishi was introduced to our school, I was happy, I got to east a mealy daily and I think it helped me in my performance during the exams," she said.

Mildred passed her KCPE and was called to a National School – Loreto Limuru.

The Programme has been implemented through a phased approach, with the first phase serving approximately 80,000 meals daily. This

second phase has increased the number of student and the third phase will be rolled out later this year once the seven other kitchens are completed. Groundbreaking of the seven kitchens is expected in February and completion mid-year.

The seven kitchens will be located in: Dagoretti South, Embakasi North, Embakasi East, Embakasi West, Langata, Mathare and Kamkunji.

The Dishi na County School Feeding Program is a testament to Nairobi's commitment to the holistic development of its children. Beyond addressing immediate nutritional needs, the initiative has demonstrated positive impacts on children's health, school performance, attendance, and overall well-being. As the program continues to expand and evolve, it sets a precedent for sustainable and inclusive practices that prioritize the health and education of the future generation.

This will cushion parents, keep children in schools, increase enrolment and transition to higher learning institutions in public primary schools and ECDs across 17 sub-counties in Nairobi. Sakaja said the project is part of a vision he had for years.



In the financial year 2023/2024 Ksh1.7 billion was budgeted for the Dishi na County program. Of this Ksh1.2 billion is for the food subsidy and the Ksh500 million allocated towards the building of the seven kitchens.

Nairobi county and the national government signed three year Intergovernmental Partnership Agreement on the implementation of a school meal plan in July 2023. The agreement will see the National Government support Nairobi County.

"The parties have agreed to collaborate in the development of conducive teaching and learning experience in public primary schools in the Nairobi City County, beginning with a programme for the provision of school meals within the said County, to improve the health and nutrition status of the leaners," says the agreement.

This subsidized school meal program has led to some of the schools putting up structures to accommodate more children because of increased enrollment.

## **Bursaries and Scholarships 2024 beneficiaries**



Parent: Felistas Gathoni, a single mother of 5 from Kawangware

Felistas is a beneficiary of scholarship for her Son Emmanuel Gadu; a student at Kiambu High school. She got to hear about the scholarship through her fellow traders at the market when they heard her son had scored 375 marks and she couldn't afford to pay for his secondary fees. She is thankful that her son has never encountered any issues, they are always given a letter by the county to present to the school administration as confirmation that the fees will be paid. "I appreciate the effort done by Govenor Sakaja in ensuring every deserving child gets an education, God bless him' says Felistas



Parent: Simon Ndirangu Mathenge, Father to Allan Mathenge from Moi Forces Academy.

"I used to trek looking for funds, but when I came to city Annexe I managed to get an executive bursary to enable my son study for his entire secondary education', says Mathenge. He is forever grateful to the Govenor for the allocation of funds to enable needy children achieve their dreams through provision of bursaries. "May God Bless Govenor Sakaja for his heart for the less fortunate. He encourages all parents in need to visit 9 th floor of city Annexe and present their cases.



Student: Allan Ndirangu, Mangu High School

'I thought I would lose my chance to study at Mangu for lack of school fees My parents could not afford the fees, now I can afford a smile thanks for the bursaries I got to enable me study at my school of choice,' Allan promises to work hard attain A of 84 points and make the county proud. He further encourages those who passed their exams and can't afford to pay for their education to apply for bursaries and not give up their dreams. He appeals to Govenor Sakaja to keep supporting the needy so they may also achieve their dreams in life.



Parent: Reverend Emily

Thankful for getting the executive bursary for her son who got 411 marks in KCPE secure a slot at Mangu High School, and has studied without any hitches. "My son had lost hope in life, he thought he would never make it to continue with school, but we thank God for this bursary that has enabled him to continue with his studies" Rev. Emily commends the new effort Govenor Sakaja has started for the "tap to eat' school feeding program in public schools and says it will go a long way in ensuring children are in school.



Student: Fancy Mackendo Ongeri, St. George's Girls

Thankful for the scholarship that has enabled her to be in school. Her desire is to work hard and succeed and also help needy students just as Govenor Sakaja is doing. "Thank you His Excellence Sakaja for the opportunity"



Student: Clisha Mahuvi Ramwenya from Kangemi

Clisha got 353 marks in her KCPE last year, and succeeded in getting a Scholarship. She is now proceeding to Form 2 at St. George's Girls. " if it was not for the scholarship, I would be home either doing odd jobs or just staying at home, I'm forever gratfeful to Govenor Sakaja for this scholarship. She adds, " I would like to finish school and became an accountant of a leading bank so as to also support needy children to also achieve their dreams.

## **Enhancing mobility in Nairobi**



Over the past year, Governor Sakaja's administration has made significant strides in the Mobility and Public Works sectors in a bid to streamline and bring order to the mobility landscape of Nairobi. Through strategic planning and execution, the administration has successfully undertaken various projects aimed at enhancing transportation, maintaining existing infrastructure, and improving the overall connectivity across the city's 17 Sub-Counties.

Governor Sakaja's commitment to

improving mobility in Nairobi is evident in the extensive work carried out across the city. The administration has focused on constructing new roads, maintaining existing ones, patching up damaged paths and surfacing roads in key areas. This comprehensive approach has not only facilitated ease of movement for residents but has also eased up the transportation of goods, fostering economic growth.

Through the internal projects, the Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF), and the World Bank-funded Urban Roads Upgrading Project (WDP), the Nairobi County Government has achieved notable milestones in road infrastructure development. A total of 27.26 km of roads have been constructed or rehabilitated, including prominent streets such as Tom Mboya Street, Latema Road, Murang'a Road, Landhies Road, Haile Salassie Avenue, Kibra Road, Valley Road, Komarock Estate Links Roads, and more.

In addition, the county administration has successfully surfaced key roads in Nairobi, including Eastleigh 7th Street, TRM Drive, Mbagathi Access Road and parking, Accra Road, Chiromo Lane, Timboroa lane, Mfangano Street, Jaharis Road, Diwopa Road, among others, still under the In-house initiative.

The WDP has played a crucial role in upgrading roads such as Kilungu Road, Civil Servant Road, Kariobangi Shopping Centre Road, Woodvale Lane, Kamae Phase 2 Road, Mama Ngendo Road in Korogocho, Mihang'o Stage Road in Kayole North, JJ Road in Luckysummer, Hadasa Jilma in Biashara Ward, among others.

RMLF supported projects have seen the rehabilitation and surfacing of vital roads, including Muchai Drive, Busia Road, Isiolo Road, Bandari Road, Wajir and Chogoria Roads, Gilgil Road, Bamburi Road, Changamwe Road, and many more.

The Public Works Chief Officer, Eng. Geoffrey Tirop, expressed the administration's determination to connect every corner of Nairobi with a robust road network, emphasizing their commitment to maintaining existing infrastructure. "We have the full support of the Governor to ensure that this is done amicably," he added.

The residents of Nairobi have also voiced their appreciation for the transformative impact of these mobility projects. Miss Wangeci, a resident in Korogocho, in appreciating the county government's efforts remarked, "We thank the Governor and his team for having these roads done. We were facing difficulties in transporting our goods to the market, but now we use less time and face no issues, even during the rainy season."

As the administration continues to embark on more transformative projects throughout the county, it is clear that Governor Sakaja's commitment to enhancing mobility is making a lasting impact. The efficient and strategic development of road infrastructure not only improves transportation but also contributes to the overall growth and prosperity of Nairobi. The ongoing projects signify a promising future for the city's mobility landscape, solidifying its position as a hub of progress and development.

By Gachanja Johnson

## **Empowering Street Traders**

In the bustling streets of Nairobi, tension exists between the City inspectorate officers, tasked with enforcing county laws, and the diverse array of street vendors, hawkers, and formal shop owners. The tension, often resulting in chaotic scenes, has undergone a transformation, thanks to the thoughtful planning and considerations initiated by Governor Sakaja's government. This paradigm shift aims to create vibrant streets that fulfill their potential while maintaining order and upholding the rights of all stakeholders, from pedestrians and motorists to formal business owners.

The rehabilitation of designated back lanes in the central business district, coupled with the upgrade of modern kiosks and the introduction of pop-up markets for informal traders, has ushered in a new era. This transformation has ensured easy access for customers without the hassle of navigating crowded streets, creating an appealing environment that attracts a substantial number of potential buyers.

Lucy Njeri, a beneficiary of the modern kiosks in Lavington, expressed her gratitude: "I have been operating this business for over 21 years. We used to sell our wares along the roads and pavements. We really thank Governor Sakaja for constructing these modern kiosks to give us a conducive environment for trading and generate revenue for the county."

The modern kiosks that are neat, rent-friendly and equipped with essential facilities such as electricity and dustbins, offer a stark contrast to the chaotic and hazardous street hawking that was prevalent before this initiative. Pauline Mathia, another modern kiosk beneficiary, attested, "These modern kiosks are really rent-friendly, and we can now earn a living without being harassed by authorities or affected by weather conditions."

Governor Sakaja"s administration envisions Nairobi as a modern city, where informal traders are allotted modern kiosks through a verified and approved process by the Nairobi County government. Each kiosk, equipped with basic amenities and surrounded by accessible spaces for buyers, aims to improve the working conditions for both traders and customers.

Dorothy Aluoch, who is also a beneficiary of the modern kiosk urges fellow traders to take ownership and responsibility of the facilities: "Let us learn to maintain the modern kiosks because vandalism and drainage blockages will not be tolerated within our working area. Let us remit revenue wholeheartedly to help maintain the premises by the Nairobi City County government."

Governor Sakaja's administration has pioneered a model that recognizes

street traders as integral components of the cityscape, thus changing the misconception of viewing them as "encroachers." Instead, they are provided with dedicated spaces to sell their wares without fear of harassment. The rehabilitated back lanes in the CBD and modern kiosks have created a dignified environment for traders to earn a livelihood and enhance their socio-economic conditions.

Danson Kamau, a beneficiary of back lane sheds, expressing his relief said, "I used to hustle along the streets, but it was so difficult to earn a living due to the bad working conditions. I thank Governor Sakaja for constructing back lane sheds to ensure we can operate freely without any hindrance."

The Nairobi City County Government's commitment to empowering street traders goes beyond immediate benefits. It aims to integrate urban street vending as a vital segment of the urban population, recognizing their contribution to the community and leveraging it as a major initiative for urban poverty alleviation and employment creation. By providing designated hawking zones, Governor Sakaja's vision is to give street traders dignity and order, treating them as an integral and legitimate part of urban development.

By Denis Bundi



## Governor Sakaja Employs About 5,000 People in FY23/24



A transformative initiative spearheaded by the visionary leadership of Hon. Sakaja has confirmed the County Government's commitment to delivering on a crucial promise-providing employment opportunities for the residents of Nairobi. Over the past year, the county government's efforts have resulted in the creation of nearly 5,000 jobs, marking a significant stride toward fostering economic growth and prosperity in the county.

One ground breaking initiative that has captured attention is the deployment of the Green Army - a force comprising 3,500 mainly youthful soldiers. Beyond its strategic role, this initiative has proven to be a highly effective measure in mitigating youth unemployment. Nelly Odhiambo, a recent recruit to the Green Army, shared her gratitude, stating, "I am grateful to Governor Sakaja for the opportunity. This is my first time opening a bank account and actually using it; I was overjoyed to receive my first salary." This initiative not only addresses the issue of unemployment but also empowers the youth economically, setting the stage for a more financially inclusive society.

In addition to the Green Army, the Mobility and Works Sector has witnessed a strategic recruitment drive, welcoming 194 new employees, including 114 drivers and 80 plant operators. This forward-looking move is

aimed at enhancing operational efficiency and bridging gaps as the current workforce approaches retirement age. Mr. Boniface Nyamu, Chief Officer Mobility, emphasized the timeliness of the recruitment, citing the aging demographic of the existing staff. "Most of our current drivers will be over 55 years in the next few years and will be retiring. Had we failed to recruit drivers now, we would have a lot of problems in the future" he stated.

Mr. Thomas Kassoa, Chairman of the Nairobi City County Public Service Board (NCCPSB), underscored the rationale behind confirming the employment of individuals with previous county experience."These drivers and operators have been working with us, some under NMS and others as casuals. We decided to confirm them because they have experience and met the qualifications," he affirmed.

The successful candidates expressed their gratitude for the employment opportunity and acknowledged Governor Sakaja A. Johnson for his unwavering commitment to youth employment. Stanley Maina, who transitioned from NMS to Nairobi City County, shared his journey and thanked Governor Sakaja for providing employment opportunities for city youths. John Lusweti Nyongesa, a former Chief Driver under Nairobi Metropolitan Services, expressed











1,000+ Health workers



2,500 Green Army



1,000 Constables



80 Machine Operators



his joy at becoming a permanent and pensionable employee, praising the transparency of the Public Service Board.

Vivian Amoit, a Community Health Promoter is very grateful for the opportunity to serve the Nairobi people. She is also extra motivated by the monthly stipends and full kits that were introduced by the Governor.

Engineer Alex Mwangi the youngest engineer in Nairobi County who as recently employed is grateful to the Governor for the opportunity. He is optimistic about advancing in his career while serving the people of Nairobi through his expertise. His story stands as an inspiration to the youth

and a testament to the positive changes being ushered in under the visionary leadership of Governor Sakaja.

Governor Sakaja's commitment to addressing unemployment through strategic initiatives is not only transforming individual lives but is also contributing to the overall prosperity and development of Nairobi County. The employment opportunities created underscore a vision for a more inclusive and economically vibrant community. As these initiatives continue to unfold, the impact on the lives of Nairobi's residents and the region's economic landscape is poised for positive, sustainable change

## The New Customer Service Centre at City Hall Annexe







Governor Sakaja officially launched the revamped Nairobi City County Customer Service Center to improve service delivery to Nairobi residents.

The Center, a one-stop shop for all County services since 1982, now boasts of the latest technology. The service Centre is in City Hall Annex and is equipped with a database centre to store customer information and a front office where all services will be offered while rest of the floors will serve as a back office to support the front office.

The new center will also seek to

eradicate scammers who have been defrauding unsuspecting members of the public by promising to expedite the issuance of documents.

Nairobi City County is the first County to have a Service Centre as per the County Government Act Section 119 that calls on counties to have a citizen's service centre.

The Nairobi County Assembly earlier in the year approved a budget of 80M. Allocation has was made to give the iconic City Hall Annexe building a face-lift.







## At City Hall





#### RE-ALLOCATION OF OFFICES AT CITY HALL ANNEXE

RE-ALLOCATION

#### SECTION I

FLOOR CURRENT OCCUPIER

FLOOR	CURRENT OCCUPIER	RE-ALLOCATION
	> Trade Licensing	<ul> <li>Licensing Services - Cash Office</li> <li>Administrative Services -Nyayo House</li> </ul>
Mezzanine	> Enforcement	> To Security & Compliance on 7th floor
	> Customer Service	> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor – Main City Hall
1 <sup>≈</sup> Floor	> Procurement	➤ 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor – Main City Hall ( currently occupied by HRD)
	➤ Urban Planning	➤ To take whole of 1 <sup>st</sup> floor.
	<ul><li>Performance Management</li></ul>	Move to 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Main City Hall (area currentl occupied by mobility.)
	> Safe Nairobi Project	➤ To Join urban planning on 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor.
	> D.C.U	➤ Cash Office Room 10 – Main City Hall.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	<ul><li>Public Service</li><li>Management (HRM)</li></ul>	> To take the entire floor.
	➤ Investigation	Move to 6 <sup>th</sup> floor (currently occupied by mobility)
Service floor	<ul><li>Urban Renewal &amp; Project Management</li></ul>	To remain and be joined by Housing from 11 <sup>th</sup> floor.
	> Nacico	> To vacate
3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Green Nairobi (Environment Sub Sector)	➤ To remain
4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<ul><li>Green Nairobi (Water &amp; Sanitation Sub Sector)</li></ul>	➤ move to 15 floor
	> Urban Planning	> Retain as Registry
	<ul><li>Innovation &amp; Digital Economy Lab.</li></ul>	➤ To move to 11th floor – One wing
5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Lands department	➤ To remain
6 <sup>th</sup> Floor	➤ Mobility and works	➤ To move to 14 <sup>th</sup> floor
7 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Security and Compliance	➤ To remain
8 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<ul><li>Boroughs &amp; sub-county</li><li>Administration</li></ul>	> To remain
	> D.G's Secretariat	> To remain
	<ul> <li>Inclusivity, Public</li> <li>Participation &amp; Customer</li> <li>Service</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To move to 2nd floor – Main City Hall (Currently occupied by Urban Planning Sub Sector)</li> </ul>
	> Gender CCO	➤ To move to 2nd floor – Main City Hall (Currently occupied by Urban Planning Sub Sector)
9 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<ul> <li>Talents, Skills Development and care (ECDE &amp; Vocational Training)</li> </ul>	> To remain
10 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<ul> <li>Talents, Skills Development and care (ECDE &amp; Vocational Training)</li> </ul>	> To remain
	Markets Section	> To join Hustlers at Nyayo house
	➤ Gender & Inclusivity	> To move to 2nd floor – Main City Hall (Currently occupied by Urban Planning Sub Sector)
	> D.P.P's Office	➤ To vacate
11th Floor	<ul> <li>Talents, Skills Development and care</li> <li>Youth Talent&amp; Sport</li> <li>Social Services</li> </ul>	> To remain
	➤ Housing Department	> To move down to service floor
12 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Legal Department	> To remain
13th Floor	Innovation and Digital Economy	> To remain
14 <sup>th</sup> Floor	> Fleet management (Join Mobility)	> To remain
	<ul> <li>Kenya Institute of Security &amp; criminal justice</li> </ul>	> To vacate
15th 51	<ul> <li>2 Welfare Organizations</li> <li>Kenya Institute of security &amp;</li> </ul>	> To vacate
15 <sup>th</sup> Floor	criminal justice	> To vacate
	Caretakers Office	➤ To be allocated a room
16 <sup>th</sup> Floor		

## Staff Profile - Engineer Alex Mwangi





Meet Engineer Alex Mwangi, a trailblazer and the youngest engineer in Nairobi County, making significant strides in his role as a Civil and Structural Engineer. His employment marks a significant shift in the county's approach, as it had not hired engineers for many years. Thanks to the visionary leadership of H.E Governor Sakaja A. Johnson, the county is now embracing a new era by considering and empowering the youth.

At 30 years old, Eng. Mwangi stands out as the youngest among his engineering peers in the County. He holds the esteemed position of Civil and Structural Engineer 1, stationed at the Road Section in Embakasi East Sub County. His primary responsibilities encompass design and documentation, scrutiny of civil engineering roads, and addressing public concerns to enhance services for Nairobians. In his role as custodian of the county, he ensures the protection of road reserves and undertakes various duties to maintain the integrity of the infrastructure.

Eng. Mwangi takes great pride in the opportunity to serve the people of Nairobi. He actively participates in meetings to discuss strategies for mitigating floods in the city, a particularly crucial aspect during this season of the El Niño rains. These have served as an eye-opener to him and offered exposure to leadership scenarios. His involvement has seen him visit over 14 informal settlements, providing valuable insights to the Governor on proper road design, drainage systems, and sewage planning.

Expressing his gratitude to Governor Sakaja for the employment opportunity, Eng. Mwangi sees his work in the city as a transformative experience that has honed his leadership skills and public speaking abilities. He remains optimistic about advancing in the hierarchy of leadership in the future, firmly believing in continuous improvement through skill enhancement, knowledge acquisition, and an unwavering commitment to community service.

As Engineer Alex Mwangi continues to contribute his expertise to the betterment of Nairobi County, his story stands as an inspiration to the youth and a testament to the positive changes being ushered in under the visionary leadership of Governor Sakaja.

\*\*By Maureen Cheptoo\*\*



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## Governor Sakaja activates UBP

Nairobi Governor Sakaja Johnson has delivered a campaign promise of having One Permit for businesses in Nairobi by activating electronic Unified Business Permit at City Annex. This will ease doing business and collecting revenue.

UBP combines single business permit, fire inspection certificate, food hygiene, pest control and advertisement (optional) into one which will be accessible online via County's NairobiPay Revenue service.

During the activation event, the

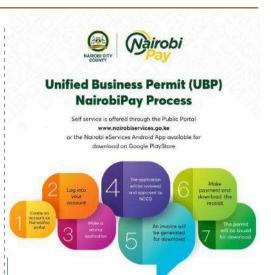
governor said the UBP activation is a part of a deliberate effort to ease way of doing business in the city and the electronic solution eliminates the issuance of multiple business permits which has also been a key revenue leakage risk.

"With UBP, we are now on course to generate and reach our target of Ksh.20 billion in Own Source Revenues to fund development projects in the city," the Governor noted.

"The Nairobi City County Government operates a NO CASH policy in revenue

collection. Customers are advised to make their payments through the Nairobi City County Government Revenue collection accounts once they obtain their invoices", Governor Sakaja added

Revenue payers are also advised to visit the NairobiPay eservice Portal (www.nairobiservices.go.ke), City Hall Annex customer service Centre offices, or any Sub-county Finance offices for further clarification.



## **Customers Speak!**



Miriam Muusi, from Mathare North runs an excavation business was very happy to find a Lactation Room when she visited City Hall to pay for her business permit.

"I have been to many places but I have never experienced such a service, I can now comfortably breastfeed my baby without losing my position on the waiting line. This is wonderful. Mothers are proud of the Governor for this idea. The services were perfect and quick".



Mary Kimani of Nasra Gardens welcomed the introduction of Unified Business Permit with a lot of joy.

"This is a timely intervention. No more bulkiness and it's easy to pay. The officers are friendly and every query is sorted amicably", Mary noted.



<u>Lucas Mpita</u> from Mwihoko also visited the facilities to pay for his land rates and he was excited for the services.

"I got here and I was amazed with how orderly the officers are. They were kind and offered the best services so far in government facilities. The process was quick and efficient. Am happy I can pay easily".



<u>Mohammed Karobia</u> who runs a business in Ngara was excited about the seamless process.

"Unlike in the past, today the process of paying for my permit was awesome. I didn't stay here for long. Many counters have reduced the waiting period to be served. And the officers were kind and pleasant to serve. Surely Nairobi is working. InaWork."

## UNIFIED BUSINESS PERMIT (UBP) ACTIVATION

The UBP combines the business, fire, food, health, and advertising licences into one and will be available on

www.nairobiservices.go.ke



Single Business permit



Food hygiene certificate



Public Health certificate for hotels



Fire clearance certificate



Pest control certificate



Advertisements (Premises based small format)

Payments can be made on the NairobiPay Portal (www.nairobiservices.go.ke) or dial \*647#, or visit the County's Customer Service Centre at City Hall Annex, Sub County and Ward Administrators offices



## **Elevating Nairobi's Infrastructure**



Infrastructure development has been a priority area for Governor Sakaja since he assumed officer just over a year ago. His vision has been to transform Nairobi's urban landscape and enhance the quality of life for its residents. The Mobility and Works Sector of the Nairobi City County Government has since been at the forefront of translating this vision into concrete action, making substantial strides in connectivity, mobility, and safety across the city.

A strategic and comprehensive approach has been adopted, encompassing the repair of existing roads and the construction of new ones to address the evolving needs of Nairobi's growing population. Notably, these efforts have not only improved the city's road networks but have also proven crucial in mitigating the adverse effects of this year's heavy El Niño rains

Underscoring the commitment to infrastructural development is the substantial allocation of KSh. 996,825,911 to the Mobility and Works Sector in the 2023/2024 financial year. This significant investment reflects Governor Sakaja's dedication to fortifying the foundation of Nairobi's growth. In the current fiscal year, a plan has been laid out for the construction of 53 new roads, spanning 26 kilometers and the erection of 12 bridges in various parts of the city. Governor Sakaja emphasizes the transformative impact of well-constructed roads, believing that they will not only enhance urban mobility but also lower the cost of doing business, thereby fostering an environment conducive to both local and foreign investment.

It is noteworthy that these projects have been executed in-house, utilizing asphalt sourced from the Kangundo Road Asphalt Plant. Roads such as TRM Drive, Diwopa Road, Jahari's Road, Ngina Road, and Salim Road have undergone rehabilitation, optimizing costs while enhancing critical infrastructure.

Moreover, the county government, through the Mobility and Works Sector,

through the Mobility and Works Sector, has taken a proactive approach to repair and maintain drainage systems along 96 roads, covering an extensive 81.07 kilometers across various city sectors. These interventions play a pivotal role in controlling storm water, mitigating the risk of floods that have previously caused damage to both residents and their properties.

Looking ahead, the Nairobi City
County Government has earmarked an
additional 32 roads for in-house repairs
and rehabilitation, spanning over 26
kilometers. Additionally, 55 roads have
been identified as capital projects
slated for implementation during the
Financial Year 2023/2024. The Roads
Directorate assures that all these
outlined projects are scheduled for
completion before June 2024, ensuring
their fruition before new
ground-breaking initiatives commence.

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These strategic plans underscore the government's proactive approach in maintaining and reviving existing infrastructure while expanding the road network within Nairobi. The meticulous allocation of resources and the scheduled implementation of these projects signify a steadfast commitment to expedite these crucial initiatives promptly. This approach ensures that the city continues to witness tangible improvements in its infrastructure, setting the stage for further developmental strides in the near future.

Governor Sakaja's leadership, coupled with the concerted efforts of the Nairobi City County Government, reflects an unwavering commitment to infrastructural development, with the aim of not only improving urban living but also fortifying the city's resilience against natural challenges and disasters.

By Gerald Odongo



## Pioneering green leadership in Africa Nairobi Govenor & his office named first green governmet office

The Nairobi City County Government, in collaboration with the Kenya Green Building Society (KGBS), the Financial Deepening Sector (FSD Africa), and the International Finance Corporation (IFC), proudly announced the certification of the Nairobi City Governor's office as the first EDGE certified green government office building in Africa. This novel milestone reflects the city's commitment to sustainable development and environmental stewardship.

The certification came during the United Nations climate conference that was recently held in Dubai, where the pivotal role of cities, local governments, and mayors in the fight against climate change was underscored. Nairobi's Governor's office, by achieving EDGE certification, signifies leadership in climate action at the local government level, setting the stage for the city to implement its ambitious Climate Action plan and position itself as the green capital of the world.

To attain EDGE certification, the Governor's office implemented a series of green building strategies, focusing on resource efficiency. The use of energy-efficient building materials, coupled with the installation of efficient interior lighting systems, resulted in a remarkable 28 percent reduction in energy consumption. Additionally, water-efficient fixtures have contributed to a significant 23 percent reduction in water usage within the building.

The EDGE certification, awarded by IFC, recognizes buildings that demonstrate resource savings of at least 20 percent in energy, water, and embodied carbon in materials compared to the local baseline. The Nairobi City Governor's office through its commitment to sustainability has not only met but exceeded these standards, showcasing exemplary practices in green building.

Governor H.E. Johnson Arthur Sakaja expressed gratitude for the recognition and reiterated the city's commitment to making Nairobi green. He stated, "We are grateful for this recognition and remain committed to continue making Nairobi green and achieve the target of becoming carbon- neutral by 2050. We are implementing our Climate Action Plan (CAP) and continue to push for

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#### LEADERSHIP IN ACTION



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AWARDED



GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION

#### BECOMING AFRICA'S 1<sup>ST</sup> GREEN GOVERNMENT OFFICE

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green legislation and initiatives because we must leave the next generation with a sustainable and livable city."

Mark Napier, CEO of FSD Africa, commended the Governor and emphasized the importance of advancing the green agenda in Kenya's built environment. The certification stands as a testament to real commitment and leadership in sustainable urban development, laying the foundation for future collaboration. Hon. Nasra Nanda, Chairperson of Africa Regional Network, World GBC, and CEO of KGBS, further highlighted the broader significance of this certification for Nairobi, Kenya, and Africa as a whole. The aim is to propel Nairobi toward becoming a resilient and green capital, unlocking green finance and restoring dignity to its citizens.

Dr. Charles Konyango, National

Director of Urban Planning, State Department of Housing and Urban Development, emphasized the global urban priority of building resilience to climate change. Nairobi's green government leadership sets an example for cities worldwide.

Dennis Papa Odenyi Quansah, Green Building Lead at IFC, sees this certification as a pivotal commitment to greening city development. He hopes it will inspire other developers and investors to consider EDGE certification for their buildings, contributing to a more sustainable and environmentally conscious built environment.

The certification of the Nairobi City Governor's office as the first EDGE certified green government office building in Africa marks a significant step toward a more sustainable and resilient future for the city, the continent, and beyond.

## **Promise Made. Promise Fulfilled**

Governor Sakaja A. Johnson fulfilled the promise he made to two needy Nairobi learners by catering all their school requirements for their High School admission requirment.

Peter Ngatia who got admission to Baricho Boys by attaining 370 marks in KCPE and Kimberly Nkatha who scored 408 marks for a slot at Mary Hill Girls received an executive scholarship and shopping from the Governor. They are among the children he is supporting this year with the shopping being done by Sakaja Foundation.

They also received Governor's Scholarship for their secondary school education.





NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY AGGREGATION AND INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR WOOD AND METAL ARTISANS AND VALUE CHAIN ACTORS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MARKET IN HOSPITAL WARD, MATHARE SUBCOUNTY

The Nairobi The Nairobi City County Government has initiated the process of establishing the County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIP) targeting both formal and informal artisans as well as construction of a new market. This is geared towards actualizing the National Government Bottom up Economic Transformation Agenda as well as realization of the Nairobi City County Government's aspirations of a City of order, dignity, hope and opportunites for all.

CAIP is expected to provide industrial worksites which will be equipped with modern technolgy machines to serve the needs of artisans in the wood and metal products production. It will also provide aggregation of standardized goods that will be expected to be marketed locally and internationally. This will ultimately create jobs for the people of Nairobi and Kenyans at large hence making Nairobi a major business hub, attractive to investors.

Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya and Section 115(1) of the County Government Act, provides for Public involvement and engagement in making decisions affecting them. Pursuant to this, the Nairobi City County Government invites interested members of the Public and Stakeholders for public participation and consultation form for establishment of the CAIPs.

#### Invited members include but not limited to;

- All artisans (formal and informal) in the Wood and metal clusters across the County
- Wood and metal supply value chain actors
- Informal traders operating around the Sub County
- Local Business Associations
- Public service vehicles operators representatives
- Boda boda operators representatives
- Civil society networks
- Special Interest groups
- Private sector representatives
- Development partners Χ.
- Community based organization
- Political and religious leaders

Further to this the Environmental Management and Coordination Act, 1999 Section 58 (2) stipulates that; The proponent of a project shall undertake or cause to be undertaken at his own expense environmental impact assessment study and prepare a report thereof where the Authority, being satisfied, after studying the project report submitted under subsection (1), that the intended project may or is likely to have or will have a significant impact on the environment, so directs.

The Nairobi City County Government will therefore undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment for the CAIP Project and therefore this serves as a notice for comments on the proposed project

The public participation will be held at the identified project site in Mathare Sub County Hospital Ward, touching the Thika Super Highway on 25th January 2024

Written memoranda may be submitted to Public Participation Offices on 8th floor. City Hall Annex or via email: publicparticipation@nairobi.go.ke before 25th January 2024

A link to the draft project document can be accessed on the County Website.

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## Kwa GROUND



County Executives join learners from Nairobi Primary school as they entertained guests during the launch of the Bursaries



Winners of Sakaja Cup awarded 3M



Rehema Wanjiku receiving a four year Executive Scholarship from Deputy Govenor HE Muchiri to join Kathiani Girls High School. Rehema scored 399 Marks in last year's KCPE examinations.



Deputy President HE Rigathe Gachagua makes a tour of 2nd edition of the Nairobi festival held during the festivities



Children rushing to get a hot meal courtesy of Dishi Na county at Kangemi Primary school



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