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Cleaning Up Nairobi: A Commitment to Order and Dignity

Nairobi City County has kicked off 2025 with a transformative clean-up initiative aimed at restoring order in the city. Led by Governor Sakaja Johnson, the program is part of a broader vision to make Nairobi the cleanest city in Africa—a city where residents and businesses can thrive in a clean and well-maintained environment.

As part of this vision, the County Government has rolled out an extensive and structured cleaning initiative, beginning with the Central Business District (CBD) and expanding into all 17 sub-counties. One of the key highlights of this initiative is the clean-up exercise in the CBD. Every Sunday, Governor Sakaja has joined the 3,500 Green Army, to clean the city in January and February—a dedicated team of young people tasked with cleaning up the city—to sweep streets, remove illegal signage, clear drainage, and collect litter. This hands-on approach has already begun to transform the city, bringing back its lost charm and setting an example for community participation in keeping Nairobi clean.

This initiative is about more than just cleanliness—it is about bringing back the city's lost glory. Governor Sakaja understands that a clean environment is fundamental to a thriving economy, healthier communities, and a better quality of life for Nairobians. His administration has now expanded the program beyond the CBD, launching sub-county clean-ups to address waste management in residential areas.

Speaking at the Westlands launch of the sub-county clean-up program, Governor Sakaja reaffirmed his commitment to making Nairobi the cleanest city in Africa. "We promised you a clean environment to live and work in, and we are keeping that promise. We have successfully cleaned up the CBD, and now we are extending these efforts to all sub-counties. But keeping Nairobi clean is not just the government's



responsibility—it is a collective duty. Let's all take part in making our city cleaner," he emphasized.

In Westlands Sub-County, the clean-up exercise covered key areas including Wangapala Road in Mountain View Ward, 6th Parklands and Limuru Road in Karura, Ngao Road and Deep-Sea area in Kitisuru Ward, and Mtama and Iregi Roads in Kangemi Ward. Other major roads such as Jogoo and Outering Road also benefited from thorough cleaning, desilting, garbage collection, and drainage clearing.

The efforts have not gone unnoticed. Nairobi residents have expressed their appreciation for the Governor's proactive approach to waste management. "This is a fantastic initiative. We truly appreciate Governor Sakaja for taking action on environmental matters. The Westlands roundabout used to be an eyesore, but today, it looks spotless. We will do our part to keep it clean," said Jane Angaine, a vendor in Westlands.

With the clean-up program set to expand further, upcoming locations include

Roysambu, Makadara, Mathare, Dagoretti North, and Dagoretti South. Meanwhile, the CBD clean-up efforts remain in full force, ensuring the city center maintains its renewed image.

Recognizing that a long-term waste management strategy is necessary, Governor Sakaja has put in place sustainable measures to keep Nairobi clean beyond periodic clean-ups. In January 2025, he flagged off 24 new refuse compactor trucks to enhance garbage collection across the city. Additionally, waste bins are being installed across the CBD and residential areas, ensuring that proper waste disposal is accessible and encouraged.

The Governor's most ambitious plan yet is the upcoming Waste-to-Energy Project, which is in its final negotiation stages with a Chinese company. This groundbreaking initiative aims to convert Nairobi's waste into 45 megawatts of power, reducing landfill waste while contributing to the city's energy supply. Discussions with the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) are currently underway to finalize energy production and distribution plans.

Once the project is fully operational, the city will acquire 200 additional waste collection trucks, significantly improving Nairobi's garbage collection capabilities. The project is also set to create better employment opportunities for the 3,500 Green Army personnel, further integrating environmental sustainability with economic empowerment.

Governor Sakaja has also unveiled plans to establish the Nairobi Green Company, an independent entity that will oversee waste management, collection, and

Governor's Note

Dear Nairobians,
As we step into another month, I am proud to highlight the progress we are making across Nairobi. Every initiative we undertake is guided by our vision of a city that upholds order, dignity, hope, and opportunity for all.

Access to clean water is a fundamental right, and we have prioritized increasing supply in various estates, including Thindigua, Pangani, Baba Dogo, and Dandora. Several areas that previously lacked access, such as Chieko, Mwiki, and Ruai, now receive a steady supply. This effort ensures that residents no longer have to struggle for this essential service.

To keep Nairobi clean, we have intensified our citywide cleaning initiatives, with the 3,500 Green Army personnel cleaning streets, unclogging drainages, and enhancing waste collection efforts. Our Waste-to-Energy Project, now in its final negotiation stages, will generate 45 megawatts of power from waste, ensuring a more sustainable and environmentally friendly Nairobi.

We launched the Nairobi Early Childhood Development Programme to ensure that 95% of children under six are developmentally on track by 2030. This includes improved nutrition, parental coaching, outdoor play spaces, and expanded school feeding programs (Dishi na County). We are training 7,820 Community Health Promoters and 800 public health workers to support this initiative.

Mutuini Hospital is undergoing a KSh. 238 million expansion, elevating it to a Level 5 facility. This will see the increase of its bed capacity from 40 to 400 beds and the establishment of an ICU, HDU, neonatal unit, and advanced medical facilities. This upgrade will decongest major referral hospitals and improve healthcare access for Nairobi residents.

Our sports infrastructure projects continue, with new basketball courts in Jericho, Umoja, and Kayole, in collaboration with Hennessy, and the ongoing construction of Joe Kadenge, Woodley, and Kihumbuini stadiums. These initiatives will provide safe spaces for young people to develop their talents and engage in constructive activities.

We are also working towards a Digital Nairobi, streamlining operations to improve service delivery. Our goal is to increase own-source revenue from KSh 12.8 billion to KSh 20 billion by 2025/26.

As we move forward, my administration remains focused on delivering a city of order, dignity, hope, and opportunity for all with real, tangible improvements in the lives of Nairobians.

Sincerely,
H.E Hon. Sakaja Arthur Johnson, EGH

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Deputy Governor's Note

Dear Nairobians,

As we continue to build a Nairobi that works for everyone, we remain committed to championing reforms that promote efficiency, accountability, and service excellence. I am pleased to highlight some of the key steps we are taking to strengthen governance and enhance service delivery across our great city.

Recognizing the crucial role of effective legal representation in safeguarding public funds, the Nairobi City County Government has taken a bold step in enhancing its legal arm. We have recently recruited a team of highly skilled and experienced advocates to join the Office of the County Attorney, Ms. Christine Ireri. These professionals bring invaluable expertise in various legal fields essential to county operations. Their presence will be instrumental in reducing litigation-related losses, strengthening our legal defence, and negotiating favourable settlements where necessary. Their contributions will play a significant role in defending Nairobi City County's interests, ensuring that legal disputes are handled efficiently, and ultimately protecting taxpayer money. As a County Government, we are confident that this strategic investment will lead to improved revenue collection, reduced legal losses, and enhanced service delivery for the people of Nairobi.

Investing in our workforce remains a cornerstone of our success. We are equipping our employees with the right knowledge, skills, and resources to enhance productivity, service delivery, and professional growth. In line with this commitment, the county presided over the pass-out parade of the third and final cohort of firefighters at the Nairobi County Fire and Disaster Management Academy. These dedicated individuals have successfully completed a rigorous six-month training program, preparing them to respond to emergencies, save lives, and protect property.

To streamline operations and sustain progress, we have held strategic meetings with the entire Sub-County Executive Team, representatives from Administration, Security and Compliance, Environment, Planning, and Engineering to discuss ways to eliminate inefficiencies and improve transparency, productivity, and service delivery. By strengthening interdepartmental collaboration, we are building a more responsive, efficient, and transparent county government that serves Nairobi's residents effectively.

As we move forward, my office remains steadfast in supporting the Governor's transformative agenda. Together, we will ensure that Nairobi continues to thrive as a city of innovation, inclusivity, and progress.

H.E Njoroge Muchiri

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energy conversion. Construction of the waste-to-energy facility is set to begin before May, marking a significant milestone in Nairobi's environmental transformation.

"This initiative is about more than just cleaning up our streets. It's about changing the way we manage waste—turning it from a problem into a resource. By investing in proper waste disposal, collection, and conversion, we are ensuring a cleaner Nairobi for generations to come," Governor Sakaja stated.

The Nairobi City County Government's clean-up program is more than just an effort to remove litter; it is a movement toward creating a healthier, more liveable city. With structured clean-up schedules, new garbage collection infrastructure, and innovative waste management solutions, Nairobi is well on its way to reclaiming its title as the Green City in the Sun.

Keeping the city clean is a collective effort, and every small act—whether disposing of waste properly, keeping storefronts clean, or participating in community clean-ups—plays a part in building a better Nairobi.



Nairobi County decentralizes revenue collection with two new centers: Ruai and Dandora

Nairobi Governor Sakaja Johnson is revolutionizing service delivery through the establishment of devolved service centers across the city. This initiative is aimed at bringing essential county services closer to residents with a particular focus on revenue-related transactions.

By bringing these services closer to the people, the county aims to increase revenue collection significantly. Residents who previously found it difficult to travel to City Hall can now conveniently access these services, contributing to the county's revenue goals.

Governor Sakaja's initiative represents a transformative approach to public service delivery in Nairobi, making essential services more accessible and improving the lives of countless residents. As these centers continue to grow, they stand as a testament to his commitment to innovation and effective governance.

Nairobi County is ushering in a new era of financial transformation with ambitious revenue projections for 2025. Focused on digitization, transparency, and efficiency, the county aims to elevate its revenue collection from last year's record-breaking Sh12.8 billion to an impressive Sh20 billion in the current financial year.

The year 2024 marked a historic milestone for Nairobi County, as it collected Sh12.8 billion in own-source revenue—the highest since the advent of devolution in Kenya. Governor Sakaja attributed this success to his administration's innovative revenue collection strategies. The previous record, set under former Governor Evans Kidero, stood at Sh12.1 billion, a figure which was surpassed in June 2024. This achievement underscored the county's progress in financial management and governance.

A key factor behind this success has been the transition from manual to digital revenue collection systems. Governor Sakaja has strongly advocated for the elimination of outdated cash-based transactions, which were prone to fraud and inefficiencies. The county's new cashless policy ensures that all revenue is directly remitted to county accounts, reducing opportunities for corruption while enhancing transparency and accountability.

Corruption has long been a challenge in revenue collection, but Sakaja's administration has implemented robust measures to curb it. The introduction of end-to-end encryption in the revenue management system allows for real-time tracking of payments, making it easier to detect and prevent financial malpractices. Additionally, the strict policy prohibiting county staff from handling cash has significantly reduced revenue leakage, restoring public confidence in Nairobi's financial management.

The Unified Business Permit (UBP), introduced in January 2024, has been a game-changer. By consolidating multiple business licenses into a single document, the UBP has simplified the compliance



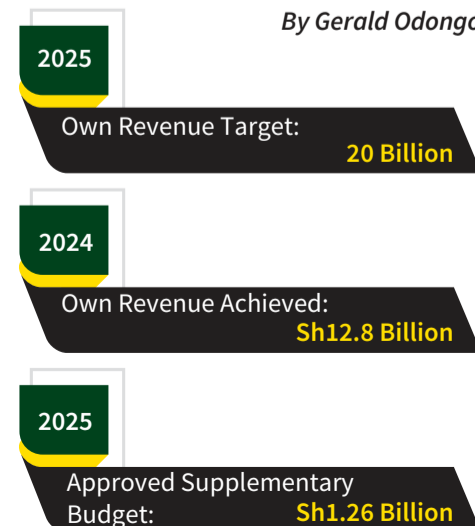
process for entrepreneurs while minimizing revenue losses associated with multiple permits. This initiative has not only boosted compliance rates but has also encouraged businesses to formalize their operations, contributing to the county's growing revenue base.

With a target of Sh20 billion in own-source revenue for 2025, Nairobi County is confident in the systems it has put in place. The continued implementation of digital platforms, the UBP, and the recruitment of 40 trained revenue clerks are expected to drive this growth. These measures will ensure that businesses and residents receive efficient service, further strengthening the county's financial ecosystem.

Governor Sakaja envisions a Nairobi where revenue collection supports real progress—where businesses thrive, infrastructure improves, and essential services reach every resident. The increased revenue will be directed toward key development projects, addressing infrastructure gaps, and clearing pending bills, which have been allocated Sh1.26 billion in the supplementary budget.

As Nairobi County continues to set the pace in financial innovation and governance, all eyes are on the county to see if it will achieve its ambitious revenue targets. This journey under Sakaja's leadership is more than just about numbers—it is about leveraging technology and transparency for financial growth. It is a narrative of transformation, efficiency, and integrity in public service.

By Gerald Odongo



Stadia Constructions Statistics

Kihumbuini Stadium, Kangemi Ward, Westlands Subcounty

- * Perimeter wall almost complete
- * Ground levelling on going
- * Drainage work done
- * Turf to be laid

Woodley Stadium, Kibra Sub-County

- * Ground levelled
- * Drainage done
- * Stands being done
- * Turf to be laid

Mwiki Stadium, Karasani Sub-County

- * Perimeter wall done
- * Work on ground to begin soon



Woodley Stadium



Kihumbuini Stadium

35 advocates recruited to enhance the County's Legal Structures Advocates Speak!



Acting County Attorney Christine Ireri welcomed the newly recruited legal team who will support the legal counsel improve litigations and other legal service delivery. She highlighted the importance of accountability and integrity. The recruitment will improve compliancy within the county which will led to reduced cases against the county.



Elizabeth Anbatsa Mungui, Principle Counsel, working in the department of Legal services, sees her employment as an achievement for the governor, the pillar of providing opportunities for all. Her role is mostly liaison between the sectors and the office of the county Attorney.



Amal, an Advocate of the High Court, Senior Counsel Researcher; he has been employed for the past one month. He hopes to continue learning and support the governor to achieve his objectives for the county of Nairobi



Moraa Michira, Principle Counsel in the Department of County Transactions, as a first timer in public service having come from the private sector, she is looking forward to working hard to make Nairobi work for all.



Austin Enock Oduor, Legal Counsel in the Office of the County Attorney, under the directorate of Civil Litigation, joined the county on 6th January 2025 and his experience so far has been great representing the county in all the legal matters. " I look forward in facilitating the speed at which county matters are dealt with by enhancing efficiency in the communication between eternal counsel and various sectors with litigation"



Caren Nduva, Principle Legislative Counsel in the Office of the County Attorney; She notes that their recruitment is aimed at helping the Governor deliver his core pillar for Nairobi. As a legislative counsel she will ensure that when delivering his mandate, Governor Sakaja will do everything in accordance to the law ' the Governor gave us his manifesto , it's a first time to see a governor who remembers his manifesto and walks with it referring to every promise made, I would like to assure Nairobians that the Governor is committed to delivering his promise for Nairobi."

Transforming Nairobi: Modern Markets Bring Hope and Opportunity

For traders like Dorcas Mbithe and construction workers like Kelly Kidaha, the ongoing construction of modern markets in Nairobi is more than just a development project—it's a life-changing opportunity. As the Karen Modern Market reaches 30% completion, Dorcas envisions a future where she no longer has to endure dust, harsh weather, and unsafe trading conditions. She looks forward to a dignified, organized, and secure space that will allow her to grow her business and support her family.

For Kelly, a mason working on the Karen market site, the project represents a lifeline for over 50 youth who have found employment through its construction. Beyond creating jobs, the earnings from the site are boosting local businesses, strengthening the area's economy. Thanks to the visionary leadership of Governor Sakaja, these modern markets are not just reshaping Nairobi's landscape—they are reshaping lives.

Mutuini Market is nearing completion at 90% and will soon be open to traders. Meanwhile, the construction of Kahawa West and Juja markets is progressing well, bringing hope to many more city traders. These markets are designed to do more than provide trading spaces;

they will feature essential amenities such as cold storage, designated areas for fresh produce and general merchandise, kitchens, washrooms, an ICT hub, daycare centers, and accessibility ramps for persons with disabilities.

With a well-planned infrastructure, these markets will offer a seamless trading experience in a clean, healthy, and organized environment while also creating job opportunities for the youth. Governor Sakaja's administration has already delivered several successful market projects, including Mwariri, Westlands, Karandini, Gikomba, and Kangundo Road Markets. These upgraded facilities feature modern stalls, ample parking, restrooms, and improved

access roads, making business operations smoother for traders.

Additionally, Governor Sakaja plans to expand the daycare program initially introduced in Mwariri and Gikomba markets to all city markets. This initiative is a game-changer for mothers who are traders, allowing them to focus on their businesses while their children are cared for in a safe environment. It marks the first time the government has partnered with private individuals to open daycare centers within markets, further enhancing Nairobi's business ecosystem.

For Dorcas, Kelly, and many others, these initiatives are more than just infrastructure improvements—they are

pathways to a brighter future. As they eagerly await the completion of the Karen Market and other projects, they remain grateful for the opportunities that modern markets will bring to Nairobi's residents, proving that development is not just about buildings—it's about transforming lives.

By Denis Bundi



The ongoing construction of Mutuini modern market in Dagoretti South Sub county



Transforming Healthcare in Nairobi



Mutuini Hospital's Major Expansion

Nairobi County's Mutuini Hospital is undergoing a significant transformation, bringing hope and improved healthcare access to thousands of residents. With the hospital set to be elevated to Level 5 status, the expansion project will increase its capacity from the current 40 beds to an impressive 400-bed facility. This milestone, backed by a Ksh 238 million allocation in the 2024/2025 budget under Governor Johnson Sakaja's leadership, is set to revolutionize healthcare services in Dagoretti, Westlands, and the greater West Boroughs area.

According to Mutuini Hospital CEO Fredrick Obwanda, the expansion includes critical healthcare units such as an Intensive Care Unit (ICU), High Dependency Units (HDU) for neonatal, paediatric, and adult care, a larger

outpatient department, a modern imaging unit, and a state-of-the-art theatre. Additional specialized services will include gynaecology, renal care, nutrition clinics, and a newborn unit. The hospital's pharmacy and laboratory will also be expanded to accommodate the growing demand.

"With 30 doctors currently serving the hospital, we are experiencing an increasing number of patients. This expansion will allow us to serve more people efficiently and reduce congestion in major referral hospitals across Nairobi," said Obwanda. The completion of this upgrade will not only enhance service delivery but also ease pressure on facilities like Mbagathi Hospital and Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital.

Mbagathi Hospital's Medical Milestones

Meanwhile, Mbagathi Hospital continues to break new ground in medical advancements. The hospital recently restored sight to a Nairobi woman who had been blind for two years due to dense cataracts. Rhoda Njeri Wanjiru had struggled to find a solution until she arrived at Mbagathi Hospital, where she was examined and underwent a successful cataract surgery.

"The presence of bilateral dense cataracts was confirmed after a thorough examination. Our team successfully performed cataract surgery, restoring her sight," said Mbagathi Hospital CEO Dr. Alexander Irungu. This achievement highlights the hospital's growing reputation for specialized medical care.

This latest milestone comes just a year after Mbagathi Hospital successfully conducted its first-ever brain surgery. In February 2024, a team led by Neurosurgeon Dr. Tom Mboya treated Jessy Mubaiya, who had been diagnosed with chronic subdural hematoma. This life-saving surgery was a testament to the hospital's commitment to advancing medical care for Nairobi residents.

Additionally, Mbagathi Hospital recently celebrated another medical breakthrough by performing its first cementless hip surgery.

This advanced procedure, known as cementless hip arthroplasty, replaces a damaged hip joint without using cement to fix the components in place. It marked yet another step forward in the hospital's growing capability to handle complex surgical procedures.

With Mutuini Hospital's expansion and Mbagathi Hospital's groundbreaking medical achievements, Nairobi County is taking bold steps toward enhancing healthcare services. These initiatives, championed by Governor Sakaja's administration, reflect a commitment to providing accessible, high-quality medical care for all residents. As the city continues to invest in its healthcare infrastructure, the future looks promising for Nairobi's public health system.

By Allan Ouma



Nairobi County's Supplementary Budget Paves the Way for Enhanced Service Delivery

The Nairobi County Assembly recently approved Governor Johnson Sakaja's supplementary budget estimates for the 2024/2025 financial year, increasing the total county budget from Sh42.3 billion to Sh44.47 billion. This move reflects the county's proactive approach to addressing emerging priorities and ensuring that key sectors receive the funding they require. It also reflects Governor Sakaja's commitment to improving services, streamlining financial management, and investing in projects that directly impact residents.

The revised budget is divided into two main categories: recurrent expenditure and development funding. Out of the total Sh44.47 billion, Sh32.39 billion has been earmarked for recurrent expenditure, which covers essential running costs such as salaries, utilities, and day-to-day operational expenses, while Sh12.08 billion will be dedicated to development spending, aimed at financing projects that directly contribute to the long-term growth and improved quality of life for Nairobians.

One of the notable inclusions in this budget is the allocation for the settlement of pending bills. In a bid to streamline financial management and boost the county's credibility, Sh1.26 billion has been set aside for the payment of pending bills—a significant increase from the initial Sh450 million

allocation. This strategic move not only reflects a commitment to honoring financial obligations but also helps in gradually reducing the overall pending bills, which currently stand at Sh121 billion. By settling these arrears, the county aims to enhance its operational efficiency and restore confidence and trust among service providers and investors alike.

A flagship component of the budget is the enhanced funding for the county's School Feeding Initiative- Dishi na County. Recognizing the importance of nutrition in education, an additional Sh400 million has been approved for this programme. This increase brings the total funding for the School Feeding Initiative to Sh1.2 billion. This investment will see more public schools' students receive nutritious meals thus improving concentration, academic performance, and overall well-being. Beyond education, it will also help combat child malnutrition, particularly in underserved areas. This initiative not only supports education but also reinforces the broader vision of hope and opportunity embedded in Governor Sakaja's manifesto.

The supplementary budget also underscores a strong commitment to improving infrastructure and public services. A significant portion of the Sh12.08 billion development fund will

go toward improving Nairobi's infrastructure, with a focus on rehabilitating markets, upgrading water and sanitation facilities, and modernizing essential public utilities. Well-organized markets are a cornerstone of the city's economy, providing thousands of traders with a clean, safe, and structured environment to conduct business. By investing in market rehabilitation, the county is not only boosting economic activity but also improving hygiene and order in trading spaces.

In addition to these projects, the county is also ensuring that its day-to-day operations run efficiently, with funds allocated to public safety, healthcare, and essential services, to provide residents with a more secure and reliable environment, a foundational element for overall development. This strategic balance between sustaining daily operations and investing in long-term development is what makes this budget a game-changer for Nairobi County.

While this supplementary budget approval comes at a time when Nairobi County has faced various political and administrative challenges—including criticism regarding revenue collection systems and management practices—the approval itself signals a renewed focus on accountability and

impactful governance. By focusing on areas that directly impact citizens' well-being, the budget is being positioned as a catalyst for transformative growth. Governor Sakaja's administration is committed to delivering real results, making Nairobi a city of order, opportunity, and dignity.

The increased funding, including an additional Sh905 million injection, is not just about numbers; it is a strategic realignment aimed at ensuring that residents experience real, tangible improvements in their daily lives. With targeted spending on education, infrastructure, and financial stability, the county is set to become more efficient, responsive, and better equipped to serve its people.

As these financial plans are put into action, Nairobians can expect to see continued progress in governance, service delivery, and economic empowerment. This budget lays a strong foundation for a city that embodies order, hope, dignity, and opportunity—ensuring that every resident benefits from the county's growth. With clear priorities and strategic allocations, Nairobi is on track to becoming a model for effective urban governance in Kenya under Governor Sakaja's leadership.

By Gerald Odongo

Nairobi's Industrial Revolution: Boosting the Wood and Metal Sectors Through the County Aggregation and Industrial Park

Nairobi City County is taking bold steps toward economic transformation through the establishment of a County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP). In a collaborative effort between the Nairobi City County Trade and Industry Directorate and the National Government's Ministry of Trade and Industry, this initiative aims to drive industrial growth, create jobs, and enhance value addition within the wood and metal clusters.

Located in Mathare Sub-County Hospital Ward, the CAIP is designed to empower artisans and small businesses by providing them with modern facilities, advanced technology, and a structured environment to enhance productivity and competitiveness. Preliminary activities, including architectural designs, concept documents, and public participation, have already been completed, paving the way for the project's development and implementation.

This initiative aligns with the Nairobi City County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP 2023-2027), which prioritizes high-value manufacturing, research-driven innovation, and technology-enhanced production. The plan envisions the creation of model industrial parks and centres of excellence, with a focus on common user facilities that will support artisans and

manufacturers.

The CAIP program targets five key clusters: leather, wood, metal, textiles, and food processing and value addition. The first phase, focusing on the wood-metal furniture cluster, is set to begin in the 2023/2024 financial year.

According to Director of Trade and Industry, Lydia Ndungu, industrial parks will be instrumental in generating decent jobs, particularly for unemployed youth, in line with Governor Sakaja's vision of providing hope and opportunities to Nairobi residents.

"An aggregation centre will serve as a hub where artisans can bring raw materials for initial value addition, followed by the aggregation of finished goods for sale in both local and international markets," Lydia explained.

This transformative approach is expected to provide a major boost to Nairobi's wood and metal industries, creating employment opportunities while giving artisans the tools and platform to compete in the global market. By bringing together small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), the CAIP will foster collaboration, shared resources, and access to essential support services, thereby enhancing productivity and promoting innovation in the sector.

Additionally, the CAIP is expected to attract investments from the private sector, further stimulating Nairobi's economy. By providing a conducive business environment, the industrial park will support sustainable production methods and drive long-term economic growth.

To ensure its success, the CAIP will work in close partnership with key stakeholders, including the county and national governments, development partners, financial institutions, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and the private sector. These collaborations will

bring together expertise, funding, and innovative solutions, making the CAIP a truly transformative initiative for the wood and metal clusters in Nairobi. As Nairobi embraces industrialization, the CAIP stands as a symbol of progress and opportunity, paving the way for a more vibrant, sustainable, and competitive manufacturing sector that will benefit thousands of artisans and entrepreneurs for generations to come.

By Denis Bundi



Team of multi-sectoral experts doing a geotechnical survey of the project (CAIP)

At City Hall



Staff Spotlight: Shaffie Weru

Shaffie Weru is a well-known figure in Nairobi's vibrant events scene and currently serves as the County Head of Events (H.O.E) for Nairobi City County. With an impressive 17-year career in the media industry, Shaffie brings invaluable expertise, creativity, and energy to the role.

A natural people person, Shaffie's ability to connect with audiences and his passion for outdoor experiences make him a perfect fit for the events industry. He thrives on creating unforgettable moments, fostering a sense of community, and ensuring that Nairobi's events reflect the city's dynamic culture.

Being a public figure comes with its own set of challenges, and for Shaffie, balancing personal and professional life is a constant juggling act. He acknowledges the high expectations that come with being in the public eye, always striving to meet them with grace and professionalism. His mantra? "The customer is always right."

The digital revolution has reshaped the media and events landscape, demanding adaptability. Shaffie recognizes the impact of technology and AI in transforming traditional media and emphasizes the need to keep learning, evolving, and embracing new trends to stay ahead in an ever-changing industry.

Among his many rewarding experiences, Shaffie highlights the opportunity to work alongside the Governor in bringing key initiatives to life. He takes immense pride in programs like "Dishi na County," which provides meals to over 300,000 school children each term—a project that he considers deeply impactful.

Shaffie's philosophy is deeply rooted in self-reliance. He sees himself as his own mentor and motivator, taking full ownership of his successes and setbacks alike. His personal motto, #MyLifeMyChaos, perfectly captures his dynamic, driven, and fearless personality.

Shaffie's ultimate goal is to contribute to a Nairobi where opportunities are abundant, children can thrive, and residents live with dignity. His dedication to making the city work for everyone is at the heart of everything he does.

By Maureen Cheptoo

Meet Joseph Ogina: A Firefighter's Legacy of Service and Dedication



For over three decades, Joseph Ogina has dedicated his life to saving lives, protecting property, and training the next generation of firefighters—not just in

Nairobi but across the country. His journey, filled with courage and commitment, has made him a respected figure in Kenya's firefighting community. Ogina began his career in 1992 as a subordinate staff member at the then City Council of Nairobi.

His passion for emergency response led him to enroll in a training school, where he acquired the skills necessary to handle fire incidents and disasters. Today, he serves as the leading fireman at Kangundo Fire Station, which also doubles as a training institute for Nairobi City County.

Ogina began training fellow firefighters in 2004. Over the years, he has trained more than 670 firemen across 28 counties, including Nairobi County making a lasting impact on the country's disaster management landscape.

In January 2024, Ogina was honoured by Nairobi Governor H.E. Sakaja Johnson for his outstanding service during the third cohort of firefighters' pass-out parade at Kangundo Fire Station.

Reflecting on his career, he acknowledged the challenges firefighters face daily. "In our job, people expect us to be perfect. A minute's delay can lead to anger, and sometimes, we even face hostility.

This is a high-risk job. But if people follow Governor Sakaja's advice and give way to fire trucks, we can save more lives and property. There are times when we get distress calls while already handling another incident, and people don't always understand that we need to refill our fire engines. It's our passion for saving lives that keeps us going," Ogina shared.

He also expressed gratitude for the county's support and renewed focus on disaster management under Governor Sakaja and Disaster Chief Officer Bramwel Simiyu:

"For the first time in history, we are receiving Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) funded by the county. In the past, we had to rely on donations, which were unreliable. The construction of additional fire stations in Nairobi will further improve our ability to respond to disasters swiftly," he added.

As Ogina nears retirement, he looks back on his career with pride, knowing that his legacy will live on through the hundreds of firefighters he has trained. His mission remains clear: to ensure Nairobi and Kenya at large are equipped with skilled and efficient emergency responders who can handle disasters with expertise and bravery.

By Johnson Gachanja



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Dishi na County Valentine Edition-Love in Action!

Nairobi County staff, led by Governor Sakaja Johnson, marked Valentine's Day by visiting various public primary schools and ECDEs where Dishi na County is served in the sub-counties and sharing meals with the learners. The purpose of the special visit was to spread love among the pupils to celebrate Valentine's Day. Dishi Na County program serves over 310,000 school children both in public primary schools and ECDEs across the city.



Zipporah Njeri Chief Officer, Public Participation sharing a light moment with learners at Moi Avenue Primary School



CEC Business and Hustler Opportunities Dr. Nyalita serving children at Olympic Primary School in Kibra Sub County



Governor Sakaja shares a meal with learners at Westlands Primary his alma mater in Westlands sub-county



Chief Officer, Office of the Governor; Priscilla Mahinda sharing a meal with children at Moi Avenue Primary School in Starehe sub county



Beatrice Sakaja Wife of Nairobi Governor accompanied by CEC Suzanne Silantoi serve lunch at Nairobi Primary School in Dagoretti North Sub County



CEC Health, Suzzane Silantoi interacting with learners at Nairobi Primary School



Chief Officer Public Health, Tom Nyakaba serving children at Thawabu Primary School in Embakasi Central Sub-county



Children of Westlands Primary share a light moment with Governor Sakaja during the lunch break

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