



PRESS RELEASE

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DESPATCH FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC) - 4th September 2023.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR this afternoon presided over the **CEC (Cabinet)** meeting at the County Headquarters Boardroom.

THE MEETING took stock of the programmes and projects that the Administration is implementing within the County. The meeting was also apprised on the progress being made in the implementation of the **Governor's Manifesto and the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP)** which is anchored on the nation's development **Blue Prints**.

KEY among the programs are: the **Elimu Kwa Wote** Initiative, planning of four (4) market centres with the support of IGAD, preparation for the launch of completed projects, registration of the value chain actors in the Agricultural sector for the FSR program, support for the registration of the Scale-up of the Inua Jamii program, peace initiatives and enhancement of the greening program.

IN KEEPING with the Administration's vision of providing education to the children who are tomorrow's leaders, the meeting was briefed on the progress made in the identification of the successful applicants for the **Turkish partial scholarship** program.

THE CEC further noted with a lot of concern the current situation in the education sector where the teachers from the other parts of the Country have camped at the TSC Headquarters asking for transfers on the alleged grounds of insecurity. To **overcome** such cases in future, the meeting



resolved to **support** students from the County who wish to or are pursuing **Diploma in Primary Education** courses. To that effect CEC further directed the Ministry to collect data of all the students pursuing the course as well as those with intention to do so.

TO FURTHER the realization of this dream, the CEC adopted the amendment proposal to **The Mandera County Bursary Fund Regulation, 2023** that was brought before it.

THE MEETING also observed that the El-nino preparation was well in progress with the departments concerned heading to Naivasha for the **development of contingency plans** in collaboration with development partners who are funding the meeting.

TO ENHANCE resilience against the rampant shocks of climate change, the CEC considered and approved for transmission to the County Assembly, **The Mandera County Disaster Risk Management Bill, 2023**.

THE BILL introduces mechanisms for monitoring, planning, mitigation and recovery against the disasters. It also proposes ways of stakeholder engagement.

THE CEC was further updated on the **2023/24 budget implementation plan**. The meeting directed the Ministries to ensure efficiency in budget execution.

IN REALIZATION of the implementation of the budget, the CEC considered and approved for submission to the County Assembly, the **Annual Development Plan (ADP), 2024/ 2025**. The plan outlines the governments priorities in the realization of the Administration's goals in



order to foster equitable development and provision of effective and efficient services to the residents of the County.

LAND GOVERNANCE is a major issue globally and over 50% of the population in Africa will be leaving in urban centres by 2050 according to UN reports. It is with this understanding that this administration made the issues of urban planning and sustainable land use as a priority. The CEC was updated on the progress of **the physical planning that is at validation stage for four market centres (Khalalio, Sala, Rhamu Dimtu and Kiliweheri).**

THE CEC also deliberated on the intention to undertake the **County Spatial Plan** and noted with satisfaction that it is a step in the right direction. The intention will be gazetted to mark the start of the Spatial Plan process so that the stakeholders can start giving their views.

IN COMPLIANCE with the conditions for the access of Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP), the CEC considered and Approved for submission to the County Assembly, the **County Urban Institutional Developments Strategy (CUIDS)**. The strategy outlines the vision of the County in the planning and management for the urban centres in order to enhance service delivery, management of the entities and citizen engagement in the decision making at the local level.

IN HONOUR of the pledge to support the attainment of **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)** as set out within the Kenya Kwanza Administration's plan for a healthier nation espoused under the **Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)**, the CEC considered and approved **crucial Bills that promote healthcare**, for transmission to the County Assembly, as follows:



I. The Mandera County Health Services Improvement Financing Bill, 2023;

II. The Mandera County Community Health Services Bill, 2023;

THESE BILLS will introduce a sustainable financing model for the health sector that is currently challenged by delayed financing due to late exchequer releases.

THE MEETING also discussed the implementation process of the **Health Reform Task-force Report** that advocates for enhancement of the **primary health care**. The CEC directed the Ministry of Health to make **access to health services easy for persons living with disabilities, the elderly and lactating mothers by giving them priority.**

IN ORDER to regulate its own internal controls and guide the Executive on protocols laid down in the government to control communication, confidentiality of information and relating with the press, the CEC adopted the **County Executive Code, 2023**. The Code will give guidance to the Executive so that they can have a document to refer to in case there are issues which are not clear or where officers are called upon to perform cross-cutting roles.

CLIMATE CHANGE continues to be a priority for this Administration. H.E the Governor pledged to plant **1 million trees** over the 5 years term. In realization of the vision, the CEC adopted the plan to kick-start the process through a launch that will be undertaken before the end of this month. The **reforestation initiative** will also incorporate **agroforestry** in order to reap more from the program.

ACCOUNTABILITY of the government to its people is of paramount importance to the Administration of H. E. Governor MAK. The meeting



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noted that **effective and efficient delivery of service** cannot be realized if strategies are not put in place to measure the implementation of government programs and projects. In light of this, the CEC approved the adoption of performance management and directed all Ministries to develop **performance contract** documents for signing before the end of this month.

THE COUNTY SECRETARY

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Monday, 4th September 2023