



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



HOMA BAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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GENOWA WEEKLY ROUND-UP

- 1. H.E Governor Gladys Wanga launched the Homa Bay County Human Resource Management Information System**, marking a significant milestone in improving efficiency, accuracy, self-service capabilities, and strategic insights in our human resource management, decision-making, and service delivery. This platform now enables us to centralize employee data and automate essential human resources tasks, including managing the employee database, payroll and benefits, time and attendance, and performance tracking to enhance effective and efficient human resource management in Homa Bay County.
- 2. Homa Bay County stepped up preparations for the eight-year Integrated Natural Resource Management Programme (INReMP)**, targeting climate resilience, ecosystem restoration, food security and improved rural livelihoods. Led by H.E. Deputy Governor Hon. Dannish Onyango, the county sensitization workshop on geographical mapping, targeting and Focal Development Areas brought together County Programme Steering Teams (CPSTs) and County Programme Implementing Teams (CPITs). The teams enhanced their understanding of the programme and reviewed targeting approaches, with priority value chains including horticulture, poultry, dairy, fruit trees and apiculture.
- 3. In partnership with Population Council Kenya through the Evidence for Gender and Resource (EGER) initiative**, we launched the Homabay County Gender in Education Action Plan to address gender-related educational challenges with locally responsive solutions. The initiative aims to translate evidence into practical actions, fostering coordination, ownership, and accountability among stakeholders to promote equitable and inclusive education. The launch highlights existing disparities, such as higher primary school completion rates among girls compared to boys, but a decline in secondary education completion for both genders.

The Action Plan, aligned with the Education Sector Gender Policy 2026, provides a strategic framework to respond to these challenges, ensuring stakeholder efforts are well-coordinated and targeted towards improving educational outcomes for all in Homabay.

- 5. We held a Quarterly Review Meeting for stakeholders supporting learners with multi-sensory impairments under the Home-Based Education component of the Inclusive ECDE Project.** The meeting, attended by government officials, health sector actors, OPDs, and community representatives, assessed progress, shared experiences, and discussed challenges. Lay Volunteer Counsellors, working with Sub-County Social Development Officers, play a key role in supporting learners and their families through counselling, home visits, and referrals. The participants reaffirmed their commitment to promoting disability inclusion, improving referral pathways, and strengthening collaboration to ensure learners with disabilities access education and essential services. The initiative highlights the county's dedication to fostering an inclusive environment for all children.
- 6. The Department of Public Health and Medical Services conducted a five-day multidisciplinary training for Rapid Response Teams (RRTs)** to enhance the county's capacity to respond to Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) and other public health emergencies. The training involved health professionals from various levels of the health system, focusing on improving skills in EVD surveillance, case investigation, contact tracing, infection prevention and control (IPC), laboratory preparedness, case management, risk communication, community engagement, psychosocial support, maintaining essential health services, and emergency response coordination.
- 7. The Department of Social Services, in collaboration with Hope Mobile and Sense International, today distributed mobility aids to children with disabilities.** During the event, 50 children received wheelchairs to enhance their ability to move independently and participate more actively in daily activities. They were also provided with walking frames and crutches, which are essential tools that support their mobility and improve their quality of life. This initiative aims to promote inclusivity and ensure that children with disabilities have access to the necessary assistive devices, empowering them to lead more comfortable and accessible lives. This collaboration underscores our commitment to addressing the needs of children with disabilities and fostering a more inclusive society.

- 8 The Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock Development, in collaboration with the Cereal Growers Association (CGA)–Farm to Market Alliance (FtMA),** convened a Post-FtMA Transition Bootcamp bringing together Farmer Service Centres (FSCs) to strengthen their preparedness for sustainable operations beyond the project period. The session focused on business continuity, farmer services, aggregation, input access and market linkages, with key partners including Yara East Africa, Bayer East Africa, Seed Co and Equity Bank supporting efforts to sustain the gains achieved under FtMA.
- 7 The Department of Public Health and Medical Services, in collaboration with REACH Malaria, the Ministry of Health/National Malaria Control Programme (MOH/NMCP), and the National Malaria Reference Laboratory (NMRL),** has rolled out a five-day malaria diagnostic training for laboratory officers in Homa Bay County. The training is designed to strengthen the technical competencies of laboratory officers in malaria diagnosis, enhance adherence to diagnostic standards, and improve the accuracy and reliability of laboratory results. By equipping laboratory officers with advanced knowledge and practical skills, the training will contribute to improved malaria case detection and management while strengthening the effective implementation of malaria diagnostic quality assurance programmes across the county.
- 9 The Multisectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Triple Threat—HIV infections, teenage pregnancies, and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)—held its quarterly meeting in Homa Bay County.** The session reviewed progress, identified challenges, and discussed strategies to enhance coordinated interventions across sectors including health, education, gender, security, and community structures. Stakeholders from development partners also participated to assess the impact of ongoing efforts, pinpoint gaps, and agree on actions to accelerate progress. The meeting reaffirmed the County Government's commitment to a multisectoral approach to protect adolescents and young people, improve prevention and response systems, and promote better health and social outcomes.