



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



HOMA BAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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GENOWA WEEKLY ROUND-UP

1. Homa Bay Governor H.E Gladys Wanga led county officials in discussions with the Department of Defence, headed by Defence Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya, on preliminary plans to expand Homa Bay County Teaching and Referral Hospital. The talks follow the President's declaration to upgrade the facility to Level V status. The planned expansion includes a 350-bed inpatient complex, estimated to cost KES 500 million. It will complement the nearly completed Accident and Emergency Complex, the operational Cancer Centre and the expanded maternity complex, strengthening the hospital's capacity to serve Homa Bay and the wider South Nyanza region.
2. H.E Governor Gladys Wanga has commended First Lady Rachel Ruto for selecting Homa Bay as one of six counties set to benefit from the proposed Uwezo Hospitals. The initiative is a Kenya-Türkiye partnership focused on establishing Centres for Children's Abilities and Women's Health. The proposed centres aim to expand access to specialized paediatric and maternal healthcare in underserved areas. Governor Wanga said health—alongside education, water and sanitation—remains central to the government's agenda for building a safer and more prosperous society.
3. Through the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP), we launched a Ksh.58.36 million farmer support package aimed at strengthening agricultural value chains and improving livelihoods across the county. The package includes Ksh.28.395 million in Inclusion Grants for 7 FPOs and 21 SACCOs, Ksh.16.44 million in Matching Grants for 15 SACCOs, Ksh.8 million for demonstration site resources, and 40 Digital Agricultural Resource (DAR) Kits valued at Ksh.5.522 million. The launch, officiated by Deputy Governor H.E. Dannish Onyango, was held alongside the unveiling of the Homa Bay County Action Plan for Food Loss and Waste Reduction (2026–2031), reinforcing the County's commitment to boosting agricultural productivity, strengthening farmer institutions, reducing food losses and waste, and advancing sustainable food systems.
4. In the second phase of the School Health Integrated Programme (SHIP), 9,277 Learners and 397 Teachers have been screened for Eye health. The County Government of Homa Bay, in partnership with Sightsavers, convened a review meeting for teachers trained in eye health from 29 schools supported by the programme. The meeting provided an opportunity to verify and validate the data

collected during learner screenings, review progress across participating schools, and identify gaps in reporting and referral. Teachers also shared challenges they encountered during school-based screenings, including practical barriers that may affect the quality and consistency of services. The discussions will help partners identify appropriate support for teachers, strengthen screening and data-management processes, and improve the timely identification and referral of learners with potential eye-health concerns.

- 5. The Department of Public Health and Medical Services completed a four-day User Acceptance Testing exercise for a digital tool supporting Community Intermittent Preventive Treatment in Pregnancy (IPTp).** Developed in collaboration with the National Malaria Control Programme, with technical support from AMREF, the pilot integrates the tool into eCHIS. It will help Community Health Promoters and Assistants deliver, document and report IPTp services, bringing malaria prevention closer to communities.
- 6. The Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock Development, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO),** hosted Nandi, Migori, Bungoma and Kakamega counties for a four-day Agroecology Policy and Strategy knowledge-sharing and learning workshop. The engagement brought together County Technical Working Group members and partners to share experiences, review progress, address challenges and identify opportunities for scaling up Agroecology Policies, Strategies and the Agroecology Service Provider (ASP) Hub Model, with lessons from the five counties expected to inform wider institutionalization and adoption of Agroecological Approaches across Kenya.
- 7. Homa Bay County Health Management Team held a consultative meeting with the REACH Malaria Senior Management Team** to review progress, share best practices and identify priority actions to improve malaria services. Through its partnership with the County, REACH Malaria supports malaria case management, diagnostic capacity, prevention during pregnancy, quality improvement and stronger use of data for accountability and evidence-based decisions.
- 8. The Department of Gender, Inclusion, Women Empowerment, and Social Services, in collaboration with IDF, Listeners Without Borders, and Sida,** held a multi-stakeholder dialogue forum today. The event brought together CSOs, local authorities, fisheries institutions, and other relevant stakeholders to review progress, share experiences, and address challenges related to gender equality within fishing communities. Participants discussed their ongoing initiatives, achievements, and lessons learned in promoting gender commitments and accountability in the sector. Additionally, the department has been actively conducting community sensitization and training fishers' groups on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). The primary objective is to create a society free from gender-biased violence, ensuring safer and more inclusive fishing communities in Homa Bay. The forum underscores the commitment of various stakeholders to strengthen efforts toward gender equality and social inclusion in the county.