



REPUBLIC OF KENYA HOMA BAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT



GENOWA WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Friday 02nd Oct. 2026

1. **ODM National Chairperson and Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga** has called on **Kenyans at home and abroad**, as well as **friends of Baba and friends of Kenya**, to pause for a **moment of reflection** today, **2nd October 2026**. Marking one year since the nation mourned the loss of a **father**, Wanga declared October "**Mwezi wa BABA**," saying grief is not the end of a story but the beginning of remembrance. She urged Kenyans wherever they are - at home, at work, at school or on the road - to stop at **6 p.m.** and **light a single candle** in tribute.

"Saa ni ya BABA. Kenya lights up for BABA."



2. **The Department of Public Health and Medical Services** received an advanced team of construction specialists comprising **architects, engineers and Quantity Surveyors** from the **Ministry of Defence** to undertake preliminary site assessments for the planned expansion of **Homa Bay County Teaching and Referral Hospital**. The team assessed the proposed construction site, undertaking technical analysis to inform the design and development of the planned **350-bed Inpatient Complex**, alongside key support infrastructure. The planned expansion follows the presidential declaration to **upgrade Homa Bay County Teaching and Referral Hospital** to a **Level VI facility** to further strengthen the hospital's capacity to provide specialised and comprehensive healthcare services.

3. The **School Health Integrated Programme Technical** Working Group has held a review meeting in partnership with **Sightsavers** to assess implementation progress and agree on priorities for the next phase of work. The meeting provided a forum for members to **share experiences, discuss challenges affecting the programme** and **identify practical ways to address them**. Participants also reviewed progress to date and agreed on key actions to guide activities moving forward. The review is intended to strengthen coordination among partners and support effective delivery of the programme's school health activities.



4. We received essential **neonatal and newborn equipment**, including **neonatal incubators**, during the **9th phase of the Okoa Malaika Programme**, an initiative of **Ushiriki Wema**, a conglomerate of the **Mudavadi Memorial Foundation Trust Fund**. The equipment will help bridge the gap between the growing need for specialised newborn care and the availability of essential equipment, particularly for **preterm and vulnerable newborns**, strengthening the capacity of health facilities to provide quality care for babies born too soon.



5. The **Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock Development**, together with **NAVCDP**, successfully concluded a three day capacity building training for **SAICs, SACCOs and FPOs** under **Supervisory and CDDCs**, strengthening community level accountability and grievance redress mechanisms. The training equipped participants with practical skills in receiving, documenting, resolving and following up grievances, while also enhancing awareness on **gender mainstreaming, GBV, SEAH** and compliance with the **World Bank's Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)**, ensuring that community concerns are handled transparently, inclusively and responsibly throughout the implementation of NAVCDP supported interventions



6. Residents of **Nyawango Village in Kokwanyo-Kakelo Ward, Rachuonyo East**, are celebrating improved access to **clean water** following the **drilling and equipping of a new solar-powered borehole** by the **County Government of Homa Bay**. The borehole is expected to serve more than **1,500 households**, as well as the **local school, providing water for domestic use**. Its installation brings relief to residents who have for decades travelled long distances in search of water. The solar-powered system is designed to pump water without relying on conventional electricity, helping make the supply more accessible to the community. The project is expected to reduce the time and effort residents spend collecting water and improve access for both households and learners. For **Nyawango residents**, the new borehole marks a significant step toward a more reliable local water supply.

7. The **Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock Development**, together with the **National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP)**, successfully concluded a two-day **AgriTech Matchmaking** Forum aimed at accelerating digital agriculture and connecting farmers with practical technology-driven solutions. The forum brought together leading AgriTech solution providers, including **Sokofresh, Thrive Agric, Ujuzi Kilimo Solutions and Bayer East Africa**, to showcase innovations and explore partnerships that will improve farmers' access to agricultural advisory services, inputs, finance and markets through NAVCDP structures such as **CIGs, VMGs, FPOs and county agripreneurs**. The engagement marks a significant step towards harnessing technology to make agricultural services more accessible, efficient and market-oriented across Homa Bay County.