



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



# HOMA BAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Friday 16th Oct 2026

## GENOWA WEEKLY ROUND-UP

- 1. Homabay County Governor Gladys Wanga joined global investors and policymakers at the RISE Summit 2026 in Dubai**, following an invitation from United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa), to position the county as a competitive investment destination. Discussions focused on attracting strategic investment in smart urbanisation, green energy and digital infrastructure, including the Homa Bay Digital City and Riwa Special Economic Zone, through sustainable financing and strategic partnerships. The county will continue engaging in international forums to build partnerships that turn Homa Bay's immense potential into tangible opportunities for its people.
- 2. H.E. Governor Gladys Wanga joined women leaders from across the country at a High-Level Women Leaders Strategic Meeting hosted by the Council of Governors and UN Women.** The meeting explored strategies to advance women's success in political and corporate leadership. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to advancing the women's agenda beyond boardrooms, championing the two-thirds gender rule, mobilizing resources with partners and removing barriers to women's leadership ahead of next year's general elections and beyond. Attendees included Governor Anne Waiguru and Secretary to the Cabinet Mercy Wanjau among others.
- 3. The County Government of Homa Bay, through the Department of Public Health and Medical Services**, is advancing efforts to strengthen eye health service delivery through the review and consolidation of the Eye Care Strategic Plan 2026–2031 and the Eye Health Care Policy 2026. The development of these crucial strategic documents brought together technical experts and key stakeholders, to refine the two critical frameworks ahead of stakeholder validation, underscoring the County's commitment to strengthening eye care systems, improving coordination and establishing a clear roadmap for sustainable, accessible and quality eye health services for all residents.
- 4. The County Government of Homa Bay, through NAVCDP, participated in the 2026 Agriculture and Food Systems Transformation Summit (AFSS)** in Nairobi, opening new opportunities for farmers and

agripreneurs to access modern technologies, investment, strategic partnerships and reliable markets. The County delegation reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening farmer institutions, commercializing agriculture and positioning the sector as a driver of food security, job creation and economic prosperity.

- 5. The Department of Education, Human Capital Development and Vocational Training, in partnership with the International Crane Foundation (ICF),** visited Rambim Primary School to launch a water-harvesting and storage facility. The visit also provided an opportunity to raise awareness about wetland conservation and the protection of the endangered Grey Crowned Crane. The initiative highlights the vital links between water security, wetland restoration, biodiversity conservation and community resilience. By promoting sustainable water management and environmental education among learners, we are nurturing a generation of environmental stewards committed to protecting our natural heritage. Wetlands are essential ecosystems that support biodiversity, regulate water systems and sustain community livelihoods.
- 6. Through our partnership with UNICEF, we received essential Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) commodities to strengthen El Niño preparedness** and safeguard community health in flood-prone areas, as part of climate change adaptive measures. The supplies, including handwashing vessels, water treatment tablets, jerricans, buckets, bar soaps and sanitary/dignity packs, will be distributed to health facilities in perennial flood-prone areas to enhance hygiene, promote safe water practices and support vulnerable communities to better withstand the effects of flooding.

The Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock Development, in partnership with FAO and KCEP-CRAL, completed a two-day evaluation mission for the EU-funded BOOST project, reviewing its achievements, impact, challenges and lessons from three years of implementation. Led by ETC Consultancy in Rachuonyo North and Ndhiwa, the exercise gathered feedback from farmers and agricultural stakeholders to inform the project's final evaluation and future interventions, supporting evidence-based planning and more resilient, commercially viable agribusiness.
- 7. The Department of Gender Inclusivity, Women Empowerment and Social Services commemorated the Day of the Girl Child at Othoro Hospital, Rachuonyo East Sub County,** under the theme, "End Child Marriage and Invest in Girls' Rights." The event highlighted the importance of protecting girls from child marriage, upholding their rights, and investing in their education, health, safety and future opportunities.