



Meru County

The County On the Rise



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Governor of Meru County
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Spearheading Socio-Economic Transformation

- Health
- Infrastructure
- Agriculture
- Water
- Co-operative
- Social Services
- Public Service
- Lands
- Finance
- Planning



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MERU

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Quality, Affordable & Accessible Healthcare for All

Meru County health services have been revolutionarised since the formation of the County Government of Meru under the leadership of Governor Peter G. Munya.

Emergency Services

To strengthen County Emergency and Referral System, we procured 13 new ambulances, which are serving people in Meru T&R Hospital, Mutuati, Kangeta, Timau, Miathene, Kanyakine, Kinoro and Kibirichia hospitals and Mwerokanga, Amugaa, Kaongo and Nthambiro health centres.



13
New
Ambulances
acquired

Mweronkanga dispensary ambulance, one of the many purchased by the County Government of Meru.

Critical Care Services

As a way of ensuring efficiency in management of critical care services, the County Government procured and installed the following medical equipment.

- **Ten (10) Dialysis machines** at Meru and Nyambene hospitals (5 machines in each hospital)
- **Anesthetic machines** for Githongo, Timau, Mutuati and Muthara hospitals which have new operating theatres.
- **Operating tables** for new theatres at Githongo, Timau, Mutuati and Muthara hospitals
- **ICU machines** for Meru Teaching and referral Hospital.



Dialysis machine procured and installed by the County Government of Meru at the Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital.



Local residents line up for Cancer screening organised by the County Government of Meru.



45 Number of wards
covered by the
Greenig exercise in
Meru County

**Digital X-ray
machines for Meru,
Nyambene and
Muthara hospitals**

Strengthening Diagnostic services in the County

Diagnostic services have not been left out where procurement and installation of the following new medical equipment has been done.

- **CT Scan machine** at Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital
- **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)** machine at Meru hospital
- **Immunochemistry machine** capable of detecting cancer markers at Meru Hospital
- **Biochemistry machines** at the other 8 sub-county hospitals
- **Ultrasound machines** for Mutuati, Muthara, Miathene, Githongo and Kanyakine hospitals
- Modern Digital **X-ray machines** for Meru, Nyambene and Muthara hospitals.



CT Scan machine purchased and installed by the County Government of Meru at the Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital.



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Improving general accessibility to health services



47
New
Dispensaries
opened

Kangeta Sub-County Hospital wards.

So far the construction and opening of fourty seven (47) facilities are are complete, raising the number from **89** before devolution to **136** dispensaries now.

- Ntirititi, Maritati, Kithithina, Sirimon, Njuruta, Kimbo, Ntumburi, Mutunyi and Nkando dispensaries in **Buuri sub-county**.
- Luciuti, Leeta, Kairuru, KK Etama, Muromutua and Klera dispensaries in **Igembe North**.
- Thuuru, Muuru, Baibariu, Thumbereria dispensaries in **Igembe Central**.
- Giika dispensary in **Igembe South**.
- Thinyaine, Machegene and Kaliati dispensaries in **Tigania West**.
- KK Mwethe, Akaiga, Kaathi, Mbaranga Kandebene and Matabithi dispensaries in **Tigania East**.
- Gatakene, Baranga, Ithitwe, Kigane, Kairiene, Mwichiune, Mworoga, Muungu and Kiamweri dispensaries in **Imenti South**.
- Gankere, Ndiine, Runogone, Chabuene, Nthungu and Kianjuri dispensaries in **Imenti North**.
- Gitauga, Mwanika and Marathi dispensaries in **Imenti Central**.



Nthungu Dispensary in Ntima West Ward, one of the many dis pensaries constructed by the County Government of Meru.



29
New
Dispensaries
awaiting
Opening

Digital X-Ray Machine installed by the County Government of Meru.

29 new dispensaries are under construction and will be completed by end of June 2017. These are Ndoileli, Kamweline, Kambogo, Munanda, Kachiuru, Murueti, Kianda, Kaani ka Rui, Makandi, Kari, Mucuune, Mucege, Igandene, Kiarene, Kambiti, Mutunguru, Mulathankari, Mweteria, Ruiga Chaaria, Runywe, Kinjo, Mbuinjeru, Maranga, Luuma, Mula, Menoe and Ntemwene dispensaries. Completion of these dispensaries will bring the number of new dispensaries to 76 and total dis pensaries in the county to 165, an increase of 85.4%.

Mortuary services

Health Facility	Number of Bodies
TRH	75
Nyambene	30
Miathene	15



Ultra-Modern Nyambene level 4 hospital mortuary (Cold room) which has the capacity of 30 bodies.

Morgue services in health sector are critical, thus we have done:

- Installation of new modern body chambers for Meru (75 bodies capacity), Nyambene (30 bodies capacity) and Miathene (15 bodies capacity) hospitals morgues.
- Construction and equipping a new morgue at Kanyakine(30 bodies capacity) hospital.



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Ensuring security of health commodities

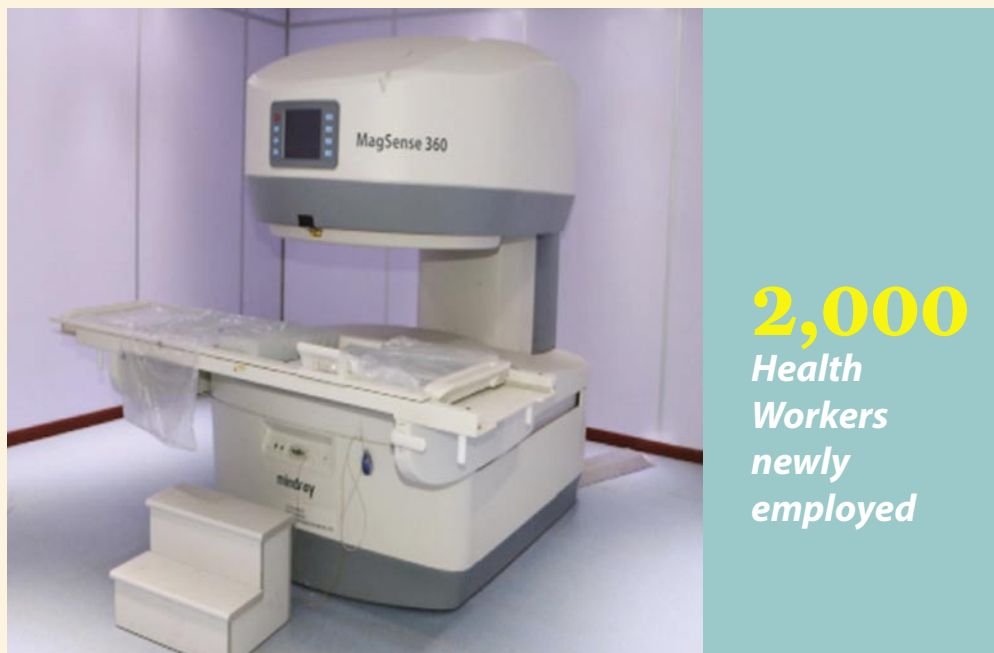
Procurement of commodities has been ongoing routinely. We have increased the annual budget for pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceuticals from **57 million** in 2012-2013 financial year to the current **220 million, a 286% increase**.



Mammogram machine installed by the County Government of Meru at the Meru Teaching & Referral Hospital.

Strengthening Human Resource for Health

Human resource is key in service delivery. Thus as a Government we took the initiative of absorbing all the 243 ESP health workers and recruitment of over 547 new health workers of various cadres, including 52 doctors and 407 nurses. At the time of devolution of health services, Meru County had 1503 health workers. This has gone up to over 2,000 currently, an increase of 33%.



MRI machine sourced by the County Government of Meru at the Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital.

15

High voltage generators for the hospitals



Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital backup generator.

Ensuring uninterrupted Service Delivery

To ensure there is no power interruption in our facilities, department procured Standby generators, which were distributed to various facilities.

- 1000 kva generator for Meru Hospital
- 50kva standby generators for the Mutuati, Kangeta, Muthara, Mbeu, Timau, Giaki, Mikinduri and Kinoro hospitals, and Naari, Kiburine, Gatimbi, Karama, Laare and Akachiu health centres.

Improving Maternal & Child Healthcare

In order to improve maternal and child health, new maternity units and paediatric wards have been built as well as procurement of maternal & child health equipment in various facilities.

- Completion and opening maternity units at Kiburine, Thambiro, Amugaa, Lailuba, Kiarago, Kaongo, Ontilili, Mulika, Njuthine, Kionyo and Kiguchwa health centres
- Completion and opening paediatric wards at Nyambene hospital and Akachiu health centres
- Procurement and installation of baby incubators for Meru, Mutuati, Miathene, Nyambene, Kanyakine, Muthara and Githongo hospitals.



Incubator sourced by the County Government of Meru and installed at the Kanyakine Hospital.



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Expansion of specialized health services and availing outreach health services



ICU Machines at the Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital.

Due to the increase in cancer prevalence in Meru, and in order to manage and create awareness on cancer related issues, several measures have been put in place, including: a county-wide cancer awareness campaign dubbed **cancer voices initiative** where a total of 71,479 people have been screened for various cancers, with 1,258 testing positive and referred to Meru hospital for further management. Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital is also offering chemotherapy Services with current enrollment of 67 patients.

71,479 People Screened in Mass Cancer screening exercise

Increasing Hospitals Bed Capacity and improving Laundry Services



Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital Laundry machine.

To improve on in-patient services, the department has constructed, equipped and opened new inpatient wards in:

- Githongo and Nyambene hospitals
- Kangeta and Mikinduri hospitals,
- Akachiu and Theera health centres

This has increased the inpatient bed capacity from 720 beds in the public sector in the year 2013 to 1,088 beds today, a 51 % increase. The department as well procured new 250kg laundry equipment for Meru T&R Hospital to compliment the old 25kg machine.

1,088
Bed Capacity

Maintenance of Health Facilities

In relation to face lifting and rehabilitation of health facilities, the department has done the following:

- Rehabilitation of buildings and parking lot at Meru T&R Hospital
- Rehabilitation of buildings at Ruiri Health Centre



Cabro paving of the Hospital parking at MT&RH.



Oxygen cylinders at the Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital and the Oxygen chamber (building).



The Ultra-Modern Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital Mortuary



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MERU

Meru County On the Rise

Setting the pace in improving roads, transport and infrastructure

Tarmacking of roads using probase technology

Road connectivity and general infrastructure are important components of building an economy. The county government of Meru has invested heavily in improving the existing network and opening new roads. This is done through paving bus parks with Cabro blocks dozing, grading and muraming the existing roads in all corners of the county. This government has also made numerous achievements on drainage works, street lighting and general supervision of all infrastructural activities done by the county government.



14
Kilometers
Probase
Technology
roads
in Meru
County

A section of the 11Km Probase road in Tigania West.

In an effort to cut on cost the county government embraced a new technology from Malaysia of constructing roads commonly known as Probase Technology. In this initiative the 11KM Kirindini- Miathene road was successfully constructed. Basin Hotel road and Stadium road in Maua Town covering 3KM was also done.

Bridges and drainage works



A bridge in Timau Ward.

Bridges and drainage works are important components of infrastructure. The county government has invested heavily in this area of drainage, whereby it has completed constructing 13 bridges, many culverts and gabbions across the county.

Paving parking areas and bus parks



***Cabro blocks
paved road
reserves and
matatu stages***

Tuyskys bus park in Meru Town.

Some of the areas already paved using Cabro blocks include; Riverland stage in Meru town, Nkubu stage, Miraa vendor street in Meru Town, Nkubu-Kamunara loop road, Makutano stage in Meru Town, Makutano Personality stage, Nkubu road reserves, Timau stage, and Timau road reserves. Other Cabro paving works are on: Kionyo stage in Nkubu Town, Nevada-Equity bank road, Meru Town G4S stage, Gitimbine Market in Meru Town and other areas.

Surface dressing and tarmacking

The County Government has also worked on other infrastructural activities. They include surface dressing Bank street-Makiri in Maua town, surface dressing of offset parking from Millenium to Gakoromone Market in Meru Town, and tarmacked Maua Town roads.



***Governor Peter
Munya (2nd
right) inspects
a construction
site in Meru
Town with
his roads and
infrastructure
CECM Eng.
Newton Itobi
and some
members of
Meru County
Assembly.***

***Miraa vendor street in Meru Town paved to
boost business environment***



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Setting the pace in improving roads, transport and infrastructure

Upgrading market parks

12
Modern
bus parks
improved



A section of upgraded Timau market.

In order to support the residents of various urban centres the County Government has upgraded more than 12 modern market parks by working on drainage, service roads and other works. Some of the beneficiaries are residents of Meru Town, Timau, Muthara, Kangeta, Kianjai, Mitunguu, Kiengu, Karama, Gatimbi, Keeria, Ngusishi, Laare and Mutuati.

Purchase of machines to cut on cost



13
Heavy
machines
procured to
cut on cost -
Dozers, Backhoe,
Graders, Tippers
and lowbed
machinery
carrier

Routine road maintenance in Imenti South.

The County Government has made efforts to save tax payers money by purchasing 13 heavy machines to help in improving roads in the county. They include; dozers, backhoe, graders, tipper and lowbed machine carrier.



Improvement of parking area in Meru Town.



A complete bus park in Meru.

Routine maintenance of roads to ease transportation



1,125
Kilometers of
road improved

One of the tarmac roads in Maua Town constructed by Meru County Government

The County Government does regular road maintenance activities that include; opening up of new roads, grading and graveling the existing ones and working on road drainage structures. This activity has already covered approximately 1,125KM within the county.



Nevada street improved to Cabro Standards by the Meru County Government.

Street lighting to boost security



82
Floodlights installed
Street Lights
The county
government has
installed street lights
in all main urban
centres including
Meru Town, Nkubu
Town, Maua Town
and their environs.

A floodlight at Nchiru Market.

The County Government has installed 82 floodlights covering various shopping centres in the county. In partnership with Kenya Power and lighting company the county government has installed street lights in all main urban centres including Meru Town, Nkubu Town, Maua Town and their environs.



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Addressing the needs of farmers in critical and priority sectors

The County government of Meru, through the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, has focused on transforming the lives of its residents by investing in crop, livestock and Fisheries production. The focus has been to increase per capita yields, promote value addition and product marketing to enhance food security and increase incomes and employment. So far, notable achievements have been made through various projects.

Genetic and animal health programs to increase production



531,188

Number of animals vaccinated



2108

Animals served by Sahiwal bulls

Left: Vaccination exercise. Right: Sahiwal bulls.

In this programme, the government has vaccinated more than 280,782 large stock and over 320,000 chicken. In the Genetic program more than 6,432 animals have been served through artificial insemination services in the same area the Sahiwal bulls have served more than 1,848 animals.

Supporting farmers to reap more from fishing



Thangatha trout fish demonstration farm.

140,000
Fingelings, stocked in
156
Institutional ponds



Fish hatcharies established by County Government.

2
Warm water fish hatcheries
established

The directorate of fisheries has laid down strategies of strengthening all the fish farmers in the county through; training, installation of infrastructure and donation of inputs to empower the farmers. This has been made possible by taking various measures key among them establishing of Kanyakine Fish Processing Factory, establishment of more than 156 institutional ponds stocked with 140,000 fingelings, distribution of 140 pond liners and 28 tonnes of fish feeds. The directorate has established 6 trout demonstration ponds in 2 farms and supplied them with over 10,200 fingerlings. Two warm water fish hatcheries have been established, and one fish feed pelletizer acquired.

140 **Number of distributed pod liners**

28 **Number in tonnes of fish feeds distributed**

Provision of domestic animals to boost livestock production



Muthaara livestock market constructed by County Government of Meru. Right: Governor Peter Munya donating goats to farmers



2,880
dairy goats donated by the County Government

In order to support livestock keepers in various parts of the county the directorate of livestock has provided more than 2,880 dairy goats and 83,660 chicken to organized groups. This has improved the quantities in milk and egg production.

83,660

Chicken donated to vulnerable people

Donations of seeds and fertilizer to ensure food security



97
Tonnes of assorted seeds distributed to farmers free of charge

*Left: Governor Munya distributes seeds to members of the community
Right: Governor Munya flags off seed and fertilizer consignment to be distributed to farmers across the county.*



12,412
(50 kg) bags of fertilizer distributed

The government has programs of supporting crop farmers and eradicating poverty in the villages. To ensure this mission succeeds, the directorate of crop production initiated a programme to support farmers, where so far it has distributed 140 tonnes of subsidized fertilizer, supplied 4 tonnes of Nerica rice, 244,300 coffee seedlings, 80,864 assorted fruit tree seedlings and 150 bags potato seedlings.

5 **Tonnes of Nerica rice seed distributed**

131,027 **Assorted fruit seedlings distributed**



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Addressing the needs of farmers in critical and priority sectors

Construction of green houses to embrace technology

92

**Greenhouses
have been
constructed**



Inside one of green houses constructed by County Government.

As a measure to embrace technology and save water in crop production, the Department of Agriculture is leading the program of constructing greenhouses in all Wards. In this initiative, more than 92 greenhouses have been constructed and farmers trained on the technology as a measure to bring down cost and increase production.

Value addition to empower farmers economically

18,000
PIC bags
provided to
farmers



Governor Peter Munya commissions Winery Equipment procured and delivered to Meru Banana Co-operative in Imenti South.

The County Government is aware of the importance of farmers getting value for their economic activities, which is crop production. This is by putting up measures to help farmers preserve the farm produce, add value and sell them at the most appropriate time. To ensure the success of this program the directorate of crop production has provided over 18,000 PIC bags, 45 moisture meters, 2 rice haulers and 9 heavy duty weighing machines.

Supporting bee farmers to make their work sweeter

The government has also supported bee keepers in various parts of the county by training them and donating beehives. In this project the department of agriculture has donated more than 900 modern beehives that are distributed in 45 wards, with each Ward getting at least 20 modern beehives.



900
Modern
beehives
distributed

Supporting milk marketing to boost income



Members of a group celebrate after receiving milk cans from county government. Right: One of the Milk coolers installed at Kariene.



3

**Milk coolers with a
standby generator
distributed to groups**

After a successful generic programme, the volumes of milk produced by farmers has tremendously increased, creating a reason to strategize on marketing the milk. Here, the County Government of Meru has invested in three milk coolers with a standby generator, and distributed them to farmer groups. It has also established a dairy goat milk processing plant at Kaguru ATC.

Empowering farmers to do irrigated agriculture for better returns



18
Open
drip kits
irrigation

Drip irrigation system.

The county government has invested resources to save farmers from losses sometimes brought about by lack of enough rainfall and bad weather. It is for this reason that the government has constructed 25 masonry irrigation tanks, distributed 200 irrigation water tanks, given out 18 open drip kits irrigation and over 2,000 assorted water pipes to farmers across the county.



Governor Munya when he launched the AI programme.



20,000
Doses of Semen imported
from Brazil to improve
farmers animals breed



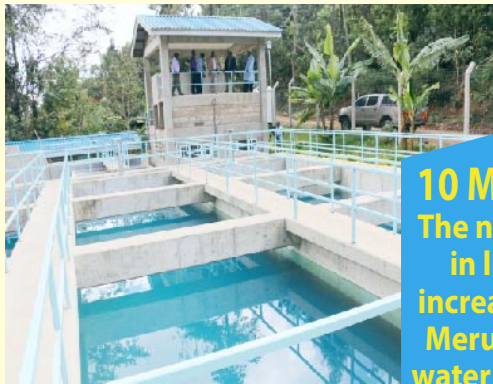
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Easing the burden of water access

The County Government has invested heavily in water provision activities across the county. This by supporting community water projects, sinking boreholes, harvesting water, providing water tanks and water treatment services. This department has also worked hard to improve the environment by garbage collection and disposal activities. Provision of proper sewerage services and general sanitation is another key function by this department.

Improvement of water supply in urban and periurban areas



Water treatment plant at Maua.



Water treatment plant at Meru.

10 Million
The number
in litres
increased in
Meru Town
water supply

The ultimate supply area of Meru town and its environs is approximately 140km². However, the area supplied with water has been 68km² with approximately 9,800 connections serving a population of 45,336 residents.

To address the gap in the water demand there was need to increase the capacity of MEWASS water production plant from 6,000m³ of water per day by additional 10,850m³ of water.

The purpose of the Augmentation of Meru Water Treatment Works Project was to provide new water treatment facilities and carry out all necessary works on the intake and raw water main for production of additional 10,850 m³ of water.

Survey and drilling to cut on cost



A rig machine purchased by county government to sink boreholes.

16
Number of
boreholes
drilled by
the County
Government

The County Government has a fully established Survey and Drilling Unit by procuring terrameters, rig machine for sinking boreholes, geodetic GPS, Total Station, automatic level, and global mappers. These and other equipment have made water drilling services possible.

Supporting rainwater water harvesting activities



Water Kiosk in Ruiri.



Water tank constructed at Kiegoi area.

The government has supported rain water harvesting activities in semi-arid areas of the county by constructing 225,000 litre masonry water tanks and provision of plastic water tanks for ECDE centres, market centres, health centres and primary schools. This has translated into collection of more 30 Million litres of water annually. At the end of any given rain season there is enough water to meet domestic water needs for 2,000 households save water for a period of 4 months.



Governor Munya commission one of the rehabilitated water scheme.

32
Water
schemes
rehabilitated

The County Government has supported more than 580 community water projects with water pipes and tanks to enhanced is tribution and promote accessibility to water within closer reach. Through this programme, an excess of 650 km equivalence of water pipeline has been realised. This has seen an excess of 100, 000 households benefit.



Some of the plastic tanks donated to residents of Meru County.

650 km
of pipeline covered
580
Community water
projects supported
225,000 Lts
Capacity of the
masonry water tanks



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Easing the burden of water access

Improvement of environmental cleanliness for better living



One of the garbage collection trucks.



An exhauster truck.



The rehabilitated Nkunga dumpsite.



Improved access road to Muungu dumpsite.

The County Government has made numerous steps in providing a healthy living environment for Meru County residents. In this initiative the directorate has availed onsite waste collection points. They have also constructed waste receptacles.

Waste transportation services

To enhance easy transportation of waste collected from urban centres the Government has provided many trucks that are stationed in various towns to collect garbage.

Dumpsite accessibility

This department has invested resources to open up roads leading to various dumpsites in areas like; Muungu dumpsite and Nkunga dumpsites. Nkunga dumpsite has also been rehabilitated to make it safe to the community. All the dumpsites are protected and conserved. To support the service of liquid waste management, the county government has also availed several exhausters that are serving people in various parts of the county.



A water tank donated to a clan in Igembe North.

Establishment of water quality analysis unit to ensure safe drinking water



A modern office block housing the laboratory at Meru town.

100,000
Households
can access safe
water

The department has set up a unit that monitors the quality of water that is consumed by the residents of Meru county. The objective of this unit is to monitor the quality of water. By so doing, the department aims at reducing the waterborne diseases-burden to the government so as to free resources for more development activities. The department has established three functional laboratories at Meru, Maua and Nkubu towns, and three water quality officers have been recruited. The department is working towards having additional laboratories.

Improving water accessibility to the community



Governor Peter Munya after commissioning a borehole.

The Directorate of water technical services has rehabilitated and extended water schemes to reduce non-revenue water and improve accessibility for existing water schemes covering those operated by water service providers and community water projects, namely: - Kianjai, Muthaara-muriri, Nkubu, kibilaku, Sirimon seven, Timau, Gikuimweru, Cianteremachaka, Kiamiogo, Koomemachaka, Michimikuru, Gatwe and Ruiri.

It has also constructed new water supply schemes for both urban and rural water supply from both surface water and borehole supply, some of the areas being; Kianjai water wells, Muramba, Kiagu-Kiamuri, Mailitatu - Muringene, Kithingangu, Ngusishi, Rumanthi-Lanyiru, Karama-Mula, Gatuntune-bwetha and Nturukume. These projects are benefiting over 100,000 households in terms of providing water for both domestic use and irrigation.

All sub-counties have benefitted from water rehabilitation scheme programme"



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Rejuvenating the Co-operative Sector

The County Government of Meru has done tremendous work through the directorate of Co-operatives, Enterprise Development & Tourism. It has improved many sectors, mainly in; tourism development, improving markets, promoting small scale traders and constructing perimeter walls in different towns in the county.

Perimeter walls to secure wakulima markets



The newly constructed Karama open air market.

The County Government has erected perimeter walls in various markets, some of them being; Antubetwe Kiongo, Mutuati, Thimangiri, Kieni kia Ndege, Gatimbi, Chaaria, Mikinduri, Mulika Kiirua, Timau, Kangeta, Kiorimba, Maritati, Katheri, Kanuni, Kunati, Kaelo, KK, Karama, Athiru Ruujine, Kigucwa, Kagaene, Ntharene, Ngundune, Inono, Kiutine and Miathene. The department has also constructed market stalls at Kanyakine. Gakoromone market has been levelled and graded, and Laare miraa shade constructed to completion.

Public toilets for better sanitation



Laare Miraa market.



One of many public toilets constructed.

The government has constructed public toilets to serve residents of various urban centers that include; Antubetwe Kiongo, Mutuati, Thimangiri, Kieni kia Ndege, Gatimbi, Chaaria, Mikinduri, Mulika, Laare, Kangeta, Maritati, Katheri, Kanuni, Kunati, kaelo, KK, Athiru Ruujine, Kagaene, Kigucwa, Ngudune, Inono and Kiutine. Other public toilets are in produce markets, including; Kiengu, Tiira, Maua Town, karachi, Kigucwa, Katheri, Kibirichia, Gitimene, Miruriri, Gatankene, Kamachege, Muichiune, Maili Saba, Michogomone, Kiangua, Karama, Gakoromone, Kairaa, Maraa, Kathithine, Muutiokiama and Gaatia. Miathene, Kiigene, Timau, Kimongoro, Ngundune, Mikumbune, kilili, Mulika livestock market. and Laare.

Empowering Jua kali sector to grow economy



Governor Peter Munya handing over a Jua kali tool to a resident of Gakoromone market.

In connection to **Jua Kali sector** the department acquired 9 lathe machines, 9 over-lock machines, 9 sewing machines, 9 welding machines and 9 glider machines all costing Ksh5.7M and distributed to 9 Jua Kali associations across the County (1 per sub-county). The department sponsor Jua Kali exhibitors to various National Jua Kali conference and exhibition forums. and it is putting up a Juakali incubation Centre at Ntugi market.

Market sheds to boost business



Nkubu market being improved by the County Government.

To protect traders from bad weather while working, the county government has invested in construction of market sheds. Some of the areas that have benefited from this project include; Miraa shed in Laare, Kiorimba, Kanuni, Kunati, Kaelo, KK, Mitunguu, Mikinduri, Kigucwa, Kagaene, Laare fresh produce market shed, Igoji, Kiegoi, Nthambiro, Kiutine, Athiru Gaiti and Kariene market shed.



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Boosting the Saccos to alleviate poverty and generate wealth

Supporting the co-operative movement to help farmers



Governor Munga issues a cheque to one of Sacco members.



Governor Munga issues a cheque during the launch of a Sharia compliant Muslim Saccos in Meru Town. The county government has initiated a program of establishing Sharia compliant Saccos for the Muslims and Saccos for people living with disabilities.

Ksh135 million
given out as seed capital to
the Saccos

The County Government has made numerous milestones in transforming the lives of farmers through reviving the cooperative sector.

Coffee farmers now getting better returns

Coffee farmers received more than Kshs 1 billion. Coffee payment rates have greatly improved with 21 coffee factories paying Kshs 60 per kilogram during the 2nd crop of 2015/2016 that was paid from August to November, 2016.



Some of the Nyambene dairy farmers receiving milk storage cans from County Government officials.



A coffee liquorer doing coffee cupping at the Meru Central milling facility.

1 Billion
Amount received
in Kenya shillings
by Coffee farmers
after sale of their
produce through
the county
government
structures

County Saccos improving lives of the people

As a way of supporting residents of Meru county access affordable credit, the County Government of Meru assisted them form Saccos aimed at assisting Women, Youth and General Traders Saccos in every sub county.

Every sub county has three of these Saccos giving a total of 27 Saccos. The County Government has assisted all the 27 Saccos with seed capital totalling to Kshs 135 million. The 27 Saccos have mobilized savings totalling Kshs 232,277,156, and have given out loans amounting to Kshs 235,587,332.

Support to dairy farmers in milk storage

The government has assisted seven (7) dairy cooperatives with milk cans to ensure safe handling of milk hence reduce spoilage. This initiative has provided a solution to the problem of handling milk in unhygienic ways.

Developing tourism sector



Promoting local tourism-Annual Devolution Conference held in Meru.

The government has carried out various projects and programmes, which include marketing tourist attraction sites in the County through the Media and other forums.

- Mapped hospitality facilities across the County.
- Organized and sponsored miss Tourism activities.
- Established Nyambene Conservancy where 30 rangers were recruited
- Installed VHF Communication system.
- Established makeshift accommodation facilities
- Procured conservancy vehicles
- Developed EIA report and submitted it to NEMA.

Promoting small scale traders to grow their businesses



Mikinduri Wakulima Market constructed by the County Government of Meru.



One of many market sheds constructed by County Government of Meru.

The government has financed small scale traders through a revolving fund known as Joint Board Loan to the tune of about 11 Million since 2014, with over 200 beneficiaries servicing loans ranging from Ksh 50,000 to Ksh 200,000. In the same spirit of promoting MSEs, the department has conducted various trainings on different aspects of growing their businesses. The Department also sponsored exhibitors to Tanzania for TANTRADE exhibition on outstanding value addition initiatives in 2016, and others to Nairobi in 2015.

495 Million
Amount in Kenya
shillings received
by brand new
Saccos



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MERU

Meru County On the Rise

Improving infrastructure, personnel and access to education sector

The County Government of Meru has laid a lot of emphasis on matters of education, particularly Early Childhood Development Education and vocational training. In this regard, the Department of Education has made several milestones in improving the education sector in the county. The following are the development projects by the Department of Education and Technology since inception of the County Governments:

Construction of ECDE classrooms



135
modern
ECDE
classrooms
constructed

Neuui ECDE classroom constructed by County Government.

The County Government has fully constructed and commissioned 135 modern ECDE classrooms, and it is in the process of constructing more than 90 new classrooms in this financial year.

Retention Enhancement Fund



495
million
has been
disbursed
across all
wards

Governor Peter Munya issues a bursary cheque to a beneficiary.

To cater for many needy cases within the county, the department of education and technology is going on with the Retention Enhancement Fund program. The department has processed and awarded bursaries to deserving learners, and a total of Kshs. 495 million has been disbursed across all wards. The process involves key members in the community to ensure fairness and regional balance in the whole process.



Governor Peter Munya is cheered by ECDE teachers and Polytechnic instructors when they received their employment letters.

ECDE teachers employed



1800
ECDE teachers
employed

ECDE teachers employed by the County Government celebrate at a past function.

For many years, ECDE teachers, commonly known as nursery school teachers, have been working in very challenging environments and engagement terms. These officers were engaged by parents who lacked proper structures to address issues that pertained to teachers and the children. The County Government of Meru initiated a program of recruiting ECDE teachers. To date, more than 1,203 ECDE teachers have been engaged on permanent and pensionable terms and posted to various ECDE centres across the county.

Distribution of books/libraries

The County Government has distributed libraries across the County in partnership with the office of the First Lady.



Phoebe Munya donating learning materials to primary school pupils.



Governor Peter Munya donating books to Primary School pupils.



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MERU

Meru County On the Rise

Widening and deepening skills training in our vocational centres

Scholarship



183
Number of needy students awarded full Scholarship

Governor Peter Munya awarding scholarships to Meru County students.

As an effort to continue supporting the education sector, the County Government, through the Department of Education, is going on with its programme of offering scholarships to needy students in high school to enable them complete their course. Here, the department has already awarded full scholarship (Form 1-4) to more than 183 needy but bright students. All stake holders are involved during selection to ensure fairness and success of the program. The selection is done per ward (2 students per ward per year). Plans are underway to increase resources and ensure more student benefit.

Procurement of equipment and learning materials



Students being trained at a vocation centre under the county government.

To enhance skills, the department has procured and distributed equipment to VTCS and ECDE centres worth Ksh35 million. This has ensured that the practical classes are effective enough to equip students relevant skills.

Construction of workshops/hostels



23
workshops
& 3 hostels
Constructed

Workshop block constructed at Githongo Youth Polytechnic among others.

The department has constructed 23 workshops and 3 hostels in the county to enhance good learning environment.

Recruitment of polytechnic instructors

The County Government of Meru is working round the clock to support and improve the image of vocational training centres previously referred to as village polytechnics. The department of Education and Technology has employed over 100 polytechnic instructors on permanent and pensionable terms. It is also in the process of absorbing 44 more.

Disbursement of capitation on vocational training centres



Governor Peter Munya issues capitation cheque to trainees

The County Government has disbursed Ksh21.7M capitation for 2,739 trainees in VTCs in the County, covering Kshs 7,931 per trainee per year.



Governor Peter Munya issues employment letters for polytechnic instructors.



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MERU

Meru County On the Rise

Prioritizing issues of culture, gender, youth and sports

The County Government of Meru has initiated projects and programs that are aimed at supporting the social life of the residents of the county. This has been achieved by allocating resources to support the young people in sports and general talent promotion. The government has also focused on assisting the women to organize themselves and engage in activities that better their lives. At the same time the elders who include Njuri Ncheke council of elders receive support from the County Government to do their activities.

The Department of Culture, Youth, Gender, Sport and Social Services has put up measures of supporting people living with disabilities to live a decent life.



Governor Peter Munya interacts with players participating in the Governor's Cup tournament.

The County Government of Meru has supported many sporting activities, key among them the initiation and sponsorship of the Governor's Cup, where over 180 teams have participated and benefitted across the county, each Ward having four soccer teams.

The government has also supported sport championships in boxing athletics, football and sitting volleyball for people living with disability.

Supporting young people to nature talents and do business



Governor Peter Munya (raising left hand) during launch of Meru County Governor's Cup.

The County Government of Meru has invested resources to support the activities of young people, and among them is the establishment of Meru Talent Academy, where more than 300 young people benefitted. The department has also supported technical training to the youth an example being vocational training at Githongo Youth Polytechnic where 200 young people were equipped with Technical skills in automobile and hospitality fields.

Promotion and preservation of culture

The County Government has assisted the local community in the construction of Njuri Ncheke Cultural Centre in Mitunguu area in South Imenti, and Mwariama Culture Center in Tigania East.



South Imenti cultural centre supported by the County Government.

Supporting disadvantaged members of the society



Meru County First Lady Phoebe Munya donates wheelchairs and other assistive devices to the local residents.

870

No. of units
of assistive
devices
distributed

The County Government of Meru has rehabilitated more than 520 street children from various urban centres in the county, and now they have a promising future. At the same time, various people living with disabilities have benefitted from donations of assistive devices that include; 200 tri-cycle wheelchairs, 200 ordinary wheelchairs, 150 armpit crutches, 150 arm crutches, 150 sun glasses and 20 white canes, totalling to 870 units.



A section of rehabilitated street children at St. Francis village.

520

Number of
street children
rehabilitated
in conjunction
with other
stakeholders
like St. Francis
children's
village



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MERU

Meru County On the Rise

Prioritizing issues of culture, gender, youth and sports

Improvement of sport stadium to promote sport



61
play
grounds
levelled

A National league match at the newly refurbished Kinoru Stadium.

Sports being key in the development of young people, the County Government has renovated 10 stadiums and levelled 61 playgrounds.



10
stadiums
renovated

Spectators at the newly refurbished Kinoru Stadium.

To support motorbike riders, the government has constructed one *boda boda* shed in every ward to protect both the riders and their clients from bad weather.



Boda Boda shed constructed by the County Government.

Promotion and preservation of culture



Participants at a women conference organized by County Government of Meru.

The Department of Culture, Gender, Youth and Sports is running programs that are supporting activities of Njuri Ncheke council of elders to enable them play their role in the society effectively. Various women groups have also benefited from capacity building programs by the county government.



The County Government of Meru supports the activities of the Njuri Ncheke council of elders.



Beneficiaries of Meru Talent Academy participating in sporting activities.



Meru County On the Rise

Addressing challenges of urban planning

The County Government of Meru has initiated and completed several physical planning activities and looked at land issues, all aimed at improving the living standards of the residents of Meru county.

Nturingwi 'A' integrated strategic urban development plan



Nturingwi 'A' Town Spatial Plan.

Completed the Draft Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plans for Nturingwi 'A' Town and its environs, Tigania East, awaiting County Assembly approval. The Planning is sandwiched between 78 Tank Battalion, 66 School of Artillery, River Chumvi and Isiolo Township. The plan covers an area of 1774 hectares and is a 30 year long term plan.

Laare Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan

This project covers Laare market, Mutuati, Kaelo, KK Muuti, Antubetwe Kiongo and Kiutine. This plan is at Situational Analysis Stage. It is a 30 year long term framework.

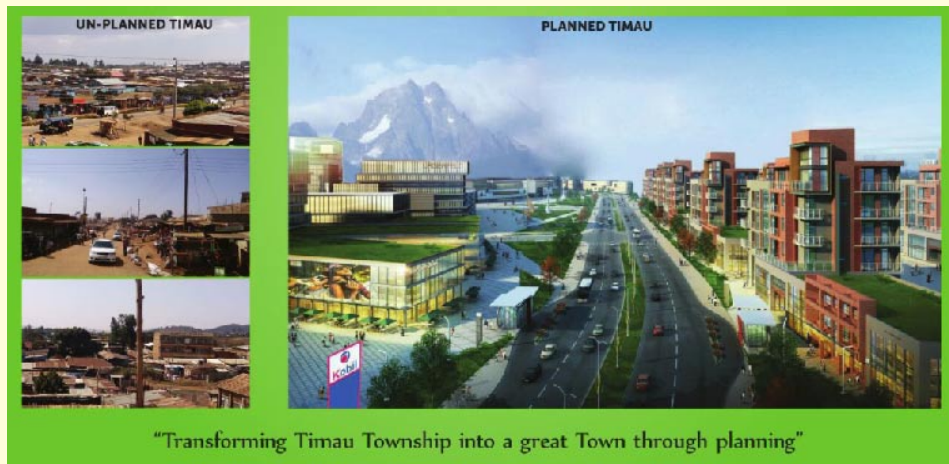
Part Development Plans

- Prepared various Part Development plans for both County and National Government, eg. County Governor's Residence site, Various sites for the Meru County Investment and Development corporation (County Hotel, Angaine estate, County hostel etc), Meru County Government Headquarters.

Opening of Roads within townships

- Coordinated the opening of roads that were previously blocked across the county.

Timau Integrated Strategic Urban Spatial Plan



The preparation of Integrated Strategic Spatial Plan for Timau Township and its environs is ongoing. The plan covers Timau township, Maritati, Kwa Ng'ang'a, Ngushishi, Kithithina, Mia Moja and Sirmon. This is a long-term plan covering Thirty (30) years. The county government is at the final stage of preparing the Strategic Urban Plan for Timau Township located in Buuri Sub-county.

Makutano-Katheri- Meru County Symbiocity Pilot Project



Governor Peter Munya launching Symbiocity Pilot Project.

The Makutano-Katheri-Meru County SymbioCity Pilot Project is supported by the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR) in conjunction with the Council of Governors (CoG). The County has prepared a draft Urban Sustainability Review Report, which is a precursor to taking advantage of the seed fund of Ksh. 40 million for each of the seven pilot Sub-Counties in the County.

Nkubu Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan



Nkubu plan covers approximately 50 kilometres square, and the planning area includes Nkubu, Kanyakine, Ntharene, Mwichiune, Kamacheg'e, Mikumbune, Kariene, Mujwa, Ukuu, Kaguru and Kiigene. The project is at the situational analysis stage. This is a long-term plan covering a 30-year period.

Meru Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan

This plan has been completed, submitted and approved by the County Assembly of Meru. Covering Runogone, Kinoru, Thimangiri, Nthimbiri, Gikumene and informal settlements such as Majengo, Salama, Shauri yako and Mjini. It is a 30-year long

Resolution of Boundary Disputes

- Resolved long standing boundary dispute with the neighbouring County of Isiolo.
- Fast tracking transfer of plots in towns and markets.
- Unlocking Ruiiri Rwarera adjudication section.

The department received 861 applications for land transfer and submitted 841 to the County Land Management Board. The board considered 236 applicants.



Meru County On the Rise

Embracing ICT and economic planning

The County Government of Meru has made numerous milestones in embracing technology and enhancing communication for better service delivery.



Meru County Government Call Centre.

The County Government has installed a backbone ICT infrastructure platform and upgraded the County Website to enhance communication with the public.

It has also automated business process/service of the County HRM, Revenue collection and the revenue management systems.

To enhance service delivery, the ICT directorate has acquired IT equipment such as laptops, printers, desktop computers e.t.c, for official use and at the same time connected county offices through LAN, WAN and WIFI. As a way of enhancing communication with members of the public, the directorate has established a Contact Centre.

Research for effective planning



Governor Peter Munya addresses participants during a conference organised by the County Government.

This County Government has also drafted the first Meru County Statistical Abstract in partnership with the KNBS awaiting validation and launch. To ensure evidence based planning the county government also conducted baseline socio-economic survey. The Meru County development indicators determination survey is ongoing. This will enhance evidence based planning.

Serving people through economic planning



Meru County Governor Peter Munya receives the first CDIP from CECM Martin Bikuri and Dr. Paul Mugambi.

The government developed the first Meru County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP-2013-2017) and later revised and finalized it; The revised CIDP draft now awaits final validation, approval and implementation.



Meru County Government Server room.

The government has completed the preparation of the departmental Strategic Plan.

It has also initiated the Meru county perception/satisfaction survey which is nearing completion alongside other milestones that include:

- Drafting the first Meru County M&E policy.
- Drafting the Development Coordination policy; Awaiting Cabinet Approval.
- Preparing departmental procurement plans for the FY: 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18. This department offers technical support on county budget making process i.e Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF).



Meru County On the Rise

Coordination for Better Service Delivery

The mandate of the Department of Public Service and Administration is to coordinate County Government functions through an efficient County Administration Service. This directorate has worked hard to manage the human resource, coordinate civic education and address fire and other emergencies within the county.

Increasing Office Space for Better Service Delivery

The Directorate of Administration has renovated and constructed several buildings across the county, aimed at providing a secure and serene working environment to our staff members. They include:

- Refurbishment of 61 rooms at the county headquarters building
- Construction of 30 new offices at the county headquarters
- Construction of 3 (three) sub-county headquarters in Igembe North, Igembe Central and Buuri sub-counties, and leased adequate office space to accommodate all the county members of staff at the county headquarters.



Buuri Sub-County administrator's office.

Investing in the Welfare of Employees

Since the inception of the County Government, the Department of Public Service has continued to strengthen the county public service by implementing a good human resource strategy for career progression. Some 538 employees have been promoted, and the process of promoting more is going on.

For the purpose of employee welfare, the County Government paid more than Ksh55 million wage arrears to workers owed by the local authorities before devolution.



Sub-county administrator's office in Igembe Central.



One of the new office blocks at the county headquarters.

30
New offices
constructed
at the county
headquarters

Investing in the Welfare of Employees

The directorate has successfully completed the construction of two County Enforcement Service posts at Makutano and Gakoromone in the Municipality Ward respectively. This will improve the maintenance of law and order within our major urban centres.

The directorate has also recruited, trained and kitted 56 County Enforcement Officers. This is part of the ongoing reorganisation of the County Enforcement Services, aimed at converting it into a world class law enforcement unit.



Governor Peter Munya inspects a Guard of Honour mounted by the County Enforcement team during a pass-out parade.

Ensuring the People Drive the Development Agenda

The department held county dialogues on projects and programs across all the 9 sub-counties with attendance as follows:

- In 2013/2014, the department reached a total of 8,800 members of the public
- In 2014/2015, the department was able to reach 10,500 people
- In 2015/2016, the department reached 12,700 people.



Members of the public follow proceedings during civic education at Laare.

Ease of Movement in Service Delivery

The directorate has procured 7 new motor vehicles to enhance the mobility of the Field Administrators and County Enforcement Officers. The County Government established fire stations in Meru town, Maua and Nkubu, and procured personal protection equipment for fire fighters. The County Government trained the fire fighters, and as a result, many institutions and private enterprises have been saved from fire and other disasters.



Members of the Meru County fire team in action.



Meru County On the Rise



Leading in poverty reduction by offering affordable financial services

County Micro-finance Corporation

The success story

Since its inception, the County Government of Meru under the leadership of Governor Peter Munya has invested resources in poverty reduction strategies and in empowering Meru residents economically. It's because of this fact that the Government started the County Microfinance Corporation.

The main aim of the Corporation is poverty reduction through offering financial and business development services to its customers.

Customized products

The corporation has developed products that are tailored to meeting the needs of the people. The products and services of this corporation are designed to cover people in all spheres. This includes, **Pambazuka loan**, which aims at empowering the youth, **mali yangu loan**, which is an asset finance product, **Biashara loans and soko loans**, both for groups and individuals, **Kilimo bora** product for the farmers and **Soma loan**, which aims at supporting the education of its customers and their children.



County Micro-finance Corporation, Maua Branch.



County Micro-finance Corporation, Meru Branch.



H.E Governor Peter Munya signing the visitors book inside the Maua branch.

Free financial advice

The corporation has managed to change lives of the people through providing financial and business advisory services. It has been able to finance many youth groups including a youth group in Maua town that started cake production and general hotel services. The corporation has partnered with a motorbike dealer in Meru town so that its customers can acquire motorbikes from the dealer, with the cheques drawn directly to the seller. Many people have benefitted from this arrangement.

Many People are Financed

Since the inception of the corporation, over 3000 customers have been financed to the tune of more than Ksh 145 Million. The corporation is growing fast and is targeting to have a borrowing clientele of over 4500 customers, and a loan book of over Ksh 150 million by the close of the financial year in June 2017. Besides this, the corporation has created employment to qualified candidates through a thorough vetting process touching on every sub-county.

Expansion Program

As part of the corporation's growth strategies, plans are underway to have four more outlets running by June this year, namely; Laare, Timau, Nkubu and Muriri towns. For greater effect the corporation will soon launch mobile based loan products.

145 Million Amount in Kenya shillings received by clients in the form of loans



The corporation supports small and medium businesses



Meru County On the Rise

Promoting investments for economic growth



Meru County Investment & Development Corporation

Mandate: *Marketing Meru as an investment destination and managing investment on behalf of the County Government.*

The corporation is promoting private investments in Agroprocessing, hospitality industry, clean energy development and real estate. Investment promotion is a key factor in the county government's transformation strategy for wealth and employment creation.

Refurbishment of Meru County Hotel

The premier Meru County Signature Hotel is now undergoing a major refurbishment to make it a star-rated hotel with modern amenities such as a swimming pool, gymnasium, sauna, Jacuzzi, two residential suites and an executive lounge to meet the tastes of modern-day business traveler and tourist. A new one-storey block is being built as part of the project to house a modern reception area, lounge, kitchen and a 100-seater plus conference facility. This iconic facility was built and opened in the early 1980. With the passage of time and no investments in facility modernization, the hotel became dilapidated, thus requiring capital injection to bring it to par with other similar assets in Meru County.

The Meru County Government has identified the Meru County Hotel and the Leopard Rock Hotel at the Meru National Park as critical assets in profiling Meru County as a competitive destination for Meetings, Incentives and Conference tourism, and mandated the Meru County Investment and Development Corporation to upgrade and modernize these facilities. Upon completion, the Meru County Hotel will create close to 100 jobs directly and thousands of others indirectly to suppliers. The facility will also provide positive forward and backward linkages with other sectors of the County Economy, such as agriculture and livestock sectors. The picture below shows the ongoing construction works at the Meru County Hotel.

100
seater. The
capacity
for the conference
facility



The ongoing refurbishment works at Meru County Hotel to convert it to an ultra-modern three-star hotel.



The sample rooms.

100
jobs to be created
directly
when the hotel
opens
its doors and
thousands
of others indirectly
to suppliers

Meru County Petrol Station

The Meru County Petrol Station has been built and completed along Mwendantu Road. The first fuel consignment of 10,000 litres of super and 20,000 litres of automotive diesel were delivered and off-loaded to the petrol station tanks.

The petrol station is intended to aggregate all fuel supplies for Government departments in addition to providing the service to private motorists. This asset will play a critical role in bringing efficiency in fuel supplies for Government fleet, eliminate fuel pilferage and generate revenues to support Meru County Government programmes.

The Meru County Investment and Development Corporation has entered into a discounted Government-Government engagement framework with the National Oil Corporation (NOC) for fuel supply and delivery to site. The Petrol Station has already created 7 new job opportunities to youth and more will be recruited once the petrol station operates at full capacity.

In order to inculcate prudent and modern corporate management, the Corporation has established a fully-owned subsidiary company, the Meru County Oils Limited, to manage the business. The picture below shows the fuel station and the fuel delivery track.



**The fuel
station has
created
many
jobs and
brought
efficiency
in fuel
supplies**

Enhancing public private partnership

The 15-storey mixed use mega structure, sitting right at the heart of Meru town, shall consist of over 350,000 square feet of Lettable space. It will comprise of retail and office space housing, corporate offices, supermarket, banking halls, roof top restaurant and ample parking space. Preliminary estimates and financial analysis show impressive yields and capital appreciation for the investment.



The architectural impression of the proposed Meru Rising Tower.

15
Number of
storeys of the
Tower that will
attract more
investors by
creating more
space

Investing in wind energy

Meru County has a rich wind energy belt with significant wind energy potential. Already, KenGen, Windlab and Gulf Energy are on the ground undertaking studies to develop wind farms of capacities ranging from 100MW to 400MW. Blue Sea Energy has already completed technical feasibility studies for a 40MW wind farm in Buuri Sub-County.



Meru County On the Rise

Ensuring proper management of revenue



MERU COUNTY
REVENUE BOARD

Meru County Revenue Board

Meru County Revenue Board has the mandate and duty to oversee all charges levied by the County Government of Meru. Since the inception of the Revenue Board, there has been a 16% growth in Revenue collection. The Board has also mapped revenue sources across the county and carried out automation of revenue collection systems. The Revenue Board has also managed to seal various loopholes in revenue collection. During the period, the Revenue Board also partnered with AHADI (USAID) for capacity building.



Members and staff of the Meru County Revenue Board after a training on revenue collection and management.

16%
Growth in Revenue
Collection



Governor Peter Munya during the official launch of automation of revenue collection.



One of the many procured revenue collection vehicles. The county government of Meru has mapped more revenue sources within the county.

With increased and sustained revenue collection strategies, the executive arm of the county government of Meru, in support of the County Assembly, has achieved a lot in transforming lives of residents of Meru County.

Various county government projects and programmes have been executed successfully in all parts of the county.

Many infrastructural activities have been witnessed in urban and rural areas. This has attracted more local and other investors in the county and created more jobs and raised the county of Meru.



Members of the County Assembly of Meru work in cooperation with Meru Governor Peter Munya in making and passing laws on revenue and other development projects and programs to support the people

The Meru County Revenue Board has also completed its strategic plan on revenue mobilization. In conjunction with USAID, the Revenue Board has also completed the Organisation structure for better service delivery to the residents of Meru.

The board has also overseen the completion of the strategic plan in partnership with USAID, on Capacity Building to the staff to enhance service delivery and their competency.



Governor Peter Munya reads state of the county address to members of county assembly and the public in a past event. The address focused on the achievements of the county government in all sectors.