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CONSOLIDATED EFFORTS TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN



The **Secretary for Peacebuilding and Disaster Response, Mr. Peter Thuku**, has said various technical agencies have been collecting and analyzing data on the vice, a strategy that has helped in planning and budgeting for child protection needs.

Speaking during the opening of an **Inter-Religious Conference on Ending Violence Against Children**, Thuku challenged religious leaders to leverage their influence and break the culture of silence and secrecy on hidden practices of child abuse and mistreatment within religious institutions and families and take proactive remedial steps.

The two-day conference was hosted by the **National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK)**, the **Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops (KCCB)** and **World Vision Kenya**.



The Government continues to **build the capacity** of all County Commissioners and local

administrators to accurately **monitor and report cases of violence against children** across the country.

IMPROVING POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Action will be taken against any police officer found culpable during the recent confrontations between residents of **Marani sub-county in Kisii** and officers attached to **Rioma Police Station**.

Following a meeting with security teams at the station, **Dr. Fred Matiang'i** divulged that officials from the **Internal Affairs Unit (IAU)** had been deployed to investigate the incident, adding that the team's report would be ready by the end of Wednesday.

The CS also restated the government's commitment to nurture and sustain community-oriented policing through collaboration, intelligence, and information-

sharing with wananchi in local crime control and prevention efforts.

On his part, the Inspector General of Police, **Hillary Mutyambai**, appealed for patience, and assured the residents that the National Police Service (NPS) will preemptively address all community concerns about security and police misconduct while incorporating wananchi's input into the ongoing efforts to **instill professionalism into the core of the Service**.

They later proceeded to

condole with the family of the late **Eric Achando**, who was allegedly killed by one of the officers from the station.



ADDRESSING THE WELLBEING OF CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED MOTHERS

The government, through the **State Department for Correctional Services** and the **Kenya Prisons Service (KPS)**, has stepped up efforts to explore more ways of **supporting children accompanying their mothers to prison** and those **born within the correctional facilities**.

During the opening of a stakeholders' workshop in Nairobi, **Interior Chief Administrative Secretary**

(CAS), **Ms. Winnie Guchu**, pointed out the potential risks for the children within the prison environment, and emphasized the urgent need to give them the **best chance possible to grow, develop, and succeed in life** just like their peers. She also urged the stakeholders to come up with viable strategies for safeguarding the health of the children, covering their nutrition, physical, and cognitive development.



MORE KENYANS APPROVE OF POLICE SERVICES

Police services received a **63 percent approval rating** among civilians this year, a major improvement from **29 percent in 2009**.

According to this year's Police Service Delivery Performance Survey, 54 percent of Kenyans who were interviewed reported that they were never asked to pay or bribe for any of the police services, 25 percent were happy with the manner in which their cases were handled by the police, and 13 percent said police officers were courteous and friendly.

During the **Inspector**

General's Conference held at the Kenya School of Government, Kabete, **Dr. Fred Matiang'i** told the County and Regional Police Commanders to step up the efforts towards reducing the distance between the officers and wananchi, and progressively raise the level of trust in the police officers as part of the reforms in the Service. The Inspector General weighed in with an assurance that the officers will be prepared to offer adequate public safety and community well-being before, during and after the 2022 elections.



PREPARING FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR

The Ministry is putting the finishing touches to its plans for the new financial year. During a meeting chaired by **PS Dr. Karanja Kibicho, heads of Commissions and Parastatals under the**

Ministry reviewed their respective budgetary needs and policy priorities for FY 2021/2022. The chairs also discussed their preparedness for the upcoming submission of the Ministry's annual report to Parliament.



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This week we recognize our security teams in the counties of **Kericho** and **Meru** for their sustained war against illicit brew. On **July 5, 2021**, a joint team comprising all government administrators raided notorious brewing dens in **Chelele**,

Kipkelion Sub-county, along the **Kisumu-Kericho** border where they spurted **300 litres of kangara** and destroyed several brewing implements. In **Igembe Central**, the security team tipped **60 litres of muna** and **chang'aa** seized from notorious brewers in **Nkalune village**. In **Kiambu**, the sub-county team led by **Igegania Assistant Chief** and county Enforcement Officers carried a raid along **Kariminu River** in **Mangu** and destroyed **300 litres of kangara** and **one boiler**.

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