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HUGE BOOST FOR KISII IN REHAB PROGRAMS



The National Authority for Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) has officially handed over the **Kiamwasi Rehabilitation Centre** in Kitutu Chache South to the **Kisii County Government**. The facility, which is **80 percent complete**, will help the county and its neighbours address the escalating cases of alcohol and drug abuse among the youth.

NACADA CEO, **Victor Okioma**, called for collaborative efforts in combating the trend and urged governors and political leaders to shoulder more responsibility and save the youth from the menace.

"Counties have been thrust into the frontline to begin addressing proliferation and subsequent abuse of alcohol and drugs. With regards to this facility, we have invested nine million

shillings in its construction while the Kisii County Government contributed thirteen million.

As NACADA, we are committed to forging partnerships with county governments with a view to dealing with this problem," he said.

Kisii County Governor **James Ongwae**, while receiving the facility, vouched for the potential utility of the centre, lauding it as a life-changer, especially for the addicts and their families.

"We hope this facility would not only help in mending lives but also give skills to those who will pass through it. It is not going to be a place of rest. Alcohol is known to impair many a people's lives and contributes to most lifestyle diseases, which can be avoided. We are thus bound to see increased productivity, which will in turn affect economic growth with the operationalization of this rehabilitation center," he observed.

The county government, he divulged, intends to inject more cash into the construction of the **Kiamwasi Dispensary**, which is also 80 percent complete and adjacent to the rehabilitation facility. The Governor said that the two facilities will complement each other in service delivery to the people of Kisii County and the larger South Nyanza region.

ADVANCING COLLABORATION AMONG ARMS OF GOVERNMENT

The Executive has undertaken to **enhance the infrastructural capacity of the Judiciary** in a deliberate effort to improve administration of justice. **Dr. Fred Matiang'i** has said there are government facilities already available for sharing, which will improve judicial administration and accommodation of judges.

Speaking during forum of the **National Council on the Administration of Justice (NCAJ)** chaired by Chief Justice, **Martha Koome**, the Cabinet Secretary said the Executive will soon initiate the release of vacant government houses in Nairobi, Kisumu, and Mombasa for this purpose.

"From today, let's work together to ensure judges are properly housed. Houses don't belong to the Executive Arm

of Government," he said, adding that such constructive collaboration and engagement does not amount to compromise. On her part, the Chief Justice restated the urgent need for a **collaborative and complementary approach to service delivery** by all the arms of government owing to the overlapping jurisdictions and shared responsibilities among them.

She said, *"This does not mean that our agencies are not independent; but it is out of the reality that it is only through coordination of our activities that we can attain efficiency and resolve systemic problems in the pursuit of our common goal of effective delivery of services to Kenyans."*

The meeting was also attended by **AG Kihara Kariuki**, **IG Hillary Mutyambai**, **DPP Noordin Haji**, **DCI George Kinoti**, **EACC CEO Twalib Mubarak**, **Ministry of ICT CAS Maureen Mbaka** among other key players in the Governance, Justice, Law and Order Sector (GJLOS).



PURSuing SUSTAINABLE PEACE IN KERIO VALLEY



Following sporadic and retaliatory attacks between two communities in **Kerio Valley**, the government issued a **7-day ultimatum** to all those who have been **perpetuating criminal activities** in the area to surrender to police ahead of an all-out offensive.

During a **high-level security meeting** with political, religious and traditional leaders of the counties of **Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet, and West Pokot** in **Tot**, Dr. Fred Matiang'i announced that the profiles of the prime suspects, which were prepared in collaboration with residents, had been shared among security teams in the latest push to end unnecessary bloodletting that has stifled socio-economic development

in the area.

Among the strategies on the table is the **delocalization of security officers** to avoid conflict of interest, which sometimes plays out in peace efforts. The Inspector General of Police, **Hillary Mutyambai**, is also reviewing deployment strategies with a view to effecting necessary changes that would optimize security operations.

Area leaders, among them Governors **John Lonyangapuo, Alex Tolgos, and Stanley Kiptis**, and Senator **Kipchumba Murkomen**, all expressed genuine commitment to sustainable peace, and urged residents to follow suit and adopt alternative conflict resolution avenues.

INTERIOR FETED AS A DISTINGUISHED TAXPAYER

The Ministry of Interior has been recognized by the **Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)** as the **Top Public Sector Agency in 2020** for being the **most tax-compliant** and **paying the highest amount of taxes** among all government entities.

The Ministry also demonstrated **consistent filing** across all tax heads during the period of assessment relative to other government agencies.

While receiving the award from **Githii Mburu**, Commissioner General Kenya

Revenue Authority, **Dr. Fred Matiang'i** challenged all head of departments and agencies under the Ministry to institutionalize the

achievement and marshal their subordinates to maintain high standards of integrity when it comes to filing returns.



DID YOU KNOW...

Alcohol is the leading substance abused in Kenya followed by **tobacco** and **bhanga** respectively. Addiction has been recognized as a disease in the country, and the cost of **treatment and rehabilitation** ranges from **Kshs. 120,000** to **Kshs. 0.5 million** for a 90-day programme.

NHIF supports drug addiction treatment for all members with updated accounts up to **Kshs. 60,000**. County governments have begun developing **treatment and rehabilitation facilities and services**.

It is always better to prevent drug use and abuse rather than treat the disease.



MASHINANI CORNER

The highlight of this week is on our security team in **Kimangeti, East Kabras, Kakamega County**. On Friday, the area chief, his assistant and village elders raided a brewing den in **Uchuche River**,

Makhwabuyu area but the brewers fled. The administrators destroyed **more than 1000 litres of kangara, 200 litres of molasses, four brewing barrels, and 12 water drums**.



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