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CS Ruku Visits NYS Gilgil Academy to Assess Readiness for Expanded Youth Recruitment



Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development, and Special Programmes, Hon. Geoffrey Ruku, has affirmed the government's commitment to scaling up the National Youth Service (NYS) recruitment program, with a bold target of enrolling 100,000 youths annually.

During an impromptu visit to the NYS Paramilitary Training Academy in Gilgil, Nakuru County, CS Ruku assessed the institution's preparedness to implement this ambitious government program. He emphasized that the government is fully committed to expanding the service as a key strategy for youth empowerment and national development.

"There is no turning back. We are determined to train and empower more youths through NYS as part of our broader national development agenda," said Ruku.

The CS inspected ongoing training activities and reviewed the academy's current capacity, which is set to accommodate 40,000 recruits in 2026, the first phase of the planned scale-up.

"This visit was aimed at establishing the readiness of this facility to support the government's strategic plan to increase the number of NYS recruits to over 100,000 annually," he stated.

Ruku announced that plans are already in motion to expand the Gilgil academy's infrastructure ahead of next year's intake to support the increased numbers.

"Ahead of next year, we intend to have the paramilitary academy infrastructure expanded to accommodate the additional recruits," he said.

He lauded the NYS for its pivotal role in nurturing disciplined, service-oriented youth, describing its paramilitary and technical colleges as critical national infrastructure.

"The National Youth Service paramilitary and technical colleges are essential to our nation. They contribute significantly to developing young people grounded in respect, discipline, and commitment to public service and nation-building," he added.

Beyond the infrastructure upgrades, the Cabinet Secretary also revealed ongoing efforts to commercialize NYS operations. In collaboration with NYS and other government departments, the ministry is working to transform the service into a financially self-sustaining institution.

"The commercial wing of NYS will be critical in making the institution financially viable, resilient, and capable of fulfilling its growing mandate," he noted.

The visit underscored the government's unwavering commitment to leveraging NYS as a vehicle for youth empowerment, skills development, and economic transformation. CS Ruku reaffirmed that the government is investing not just in physical infrastructure, but also in the future of Kenya's youth.

NYS Gilgil visit in pictures...



ESAMI Governing Board Induction

Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya, Principal Secretary in the State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Development, has officially joined the Governing Board of the Eastern and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI).

The induction, conducted at ESAMI's headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania, was led by Director General Dr. Peter Kiuluku. The session was designed to foster clarity of roles, build collaborative networks, and strengthen the foundation for impactful governance.

ESAMI, a Pan-African Regional Management Development Centre jointly owned by ten member states, Eswatini, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, provides high-level management training, consultancy services, and action-oriented research to support effective leadership and institutional development across the region.

In her remarks, Dr. Imbunya reaffirmed her commitment to advancing ESAMI's mission of empowering leaders, strengthening institutions, and contributing to sustainable development across Eastern and Southern Africa.



Economic Empowerment in Vihiga County

Empowering youth and women is essential for fostering sustainable development and building resilient economies. By equipping individuals with the right tools, skills, and opportunities, communities can unlock their full potential and shape a brighter, more inclusive future.

Principal Secretary Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya, together with leaders from both the National and County Governments, participated in a youth and women empowerment initiative held at Emusire High School in Vihiga County.

The program is designed to provide participants with critical knowledge, practical skills, and access to resources that support personal growth and economic independence.

Investing in youth and women is an investment in the strength and prosperity of society. Collective support and continued collaboration remain key to building empowered communities and a better tomorrow for all.



Kenya Unveils First Audit Report on Access to Information Act Implementation



The Government of Kenya reached a significant milestone in its commitment to open governance with the launch of the Inaugural Report on Milestones and Challenges in Implementing the Access to Information (ATI) Act, 2016.

The event, held at the Sarova Stanley Hotel, brought together key stakeholders from across government, civil society, development partners, and oversight institutions to reflect on Kenya's progress in promoting the right of access to information as enshrined in the Constitution.

Representing the Principal Secretary State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya, was Ms. Catherine Njoroge, the Director of Information and the State Department's designated Access to Information Officer.

This inaugural report marks the first audit of the implementation of the Access to Information Act since its enactment in 2016. It provides a comprehensive overview of the achievements made so far, including the designation of ATI officers across public institutions, development of information-sharing protocols, and progress in digitization.

Importantly, it also highlights persistent gaps, such as capacity constraints, low public awareness, and limited compliance among some institutions, that continue to hinder full realization of the right to information.

The keynote address was delivered by Ms. Judith Pareno, Principal Secretary, State Department for Justice, Human Rights, and Constitutional Affairs, who reiterated the centrality of access to information in Kenya's democratic architecture.

"Transparency and accountability are non-negotiable pillars of good governance. The ATI Act is not only about the release of documents, it's about building trust between government and citizens," said Ms. Pareno.

The forum provided an opportunity for peer learning, experience sharing, and alignment on cross-sectoral strategies to enhance the uptake and institutionalization of access to information across all levels of government.

As a key implementing agency, the State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Development continues to strengthen its internal mechanisms to meet its ATI obligations. This includes mainstreaming information access in service delivery processes, and contributing to policy dialogue through platforms such as this launch.

Looking ahead, stakeholders committed to a collaborative approach in addressing the identified challenges, including review of the ATI regulations, improved resourcing, and embracing digital innovations to enhance public access.

The event was not just a review of progress, but a call to action for all public institutions to renew their commitment to openness, responsiveness, and respect for the public's right to know.





Commitment to Excellence Celebrated at KSG Embu Graduation Ceremony

The Kenya School of Government (KSG), Embu campus, was a hub of celebration and reflection as it held a graduation ceremony for learners who successfully completed their diploma programmes in Social Work and the Strategic Leadership Development Programme (SLDP).

The event marked an important milestone in the development of a skilled and forward-looking public service workforce.

Representing the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya was Mr. Stephen Wambua Kakulu, Acting Secretary for Human Resource Development.

Mr. Kakulu delivered the keynote address and conveyed the Principal Secretary's warm congratulations to the graduates, faculty, and stakeholders of KSG Embu.

In his address, Mr. Kakulu lauded the graduands for their resilience, hard work, and commitment to academic and professional excellence.

He emphasized that their achievement was not only a personal success but a strategic investment in the future of Kenya's public service.

"The journey of continuous learning does not end with graduation," he remarked. "It is through continuous professional development that we build a capable and adaptive workforce that is responsive to the dynamic needs of our citizens."

Mr. Kakulu also acknowledged the role of the Kenya School of Government in equipping public officers with practical skills, ethical grounding, and leadership competencies necessary for transformative service delivery.

He reaffirmed the State Department's commitment to supporting training and development programmes that empower public servants at all levels.

The ceremony brought together trainers, senior government officials, partners, and family members of the graduates who turned out to celebrate the success of the cohort.

A sense of pride and accomplishment was evident as the graduands were conferred with diplomas that positioned them to serve more effectively and lead with integrity.

As the ceremony concluded, Mr. Kakulu encouraged the graduands to uphold the values of public service, remain lifelong learners, and become agents of change within their respective institutions and communities.

The event served as a powerful reminder that human capital development remains at the core of Kenya's public service transformation agenda, and that every step taken toward strengthening individual competencies contributes to the broader vision of national development.



Government Enhances Service Delivery with Launch of 59th Huduma Centre in Mogotio



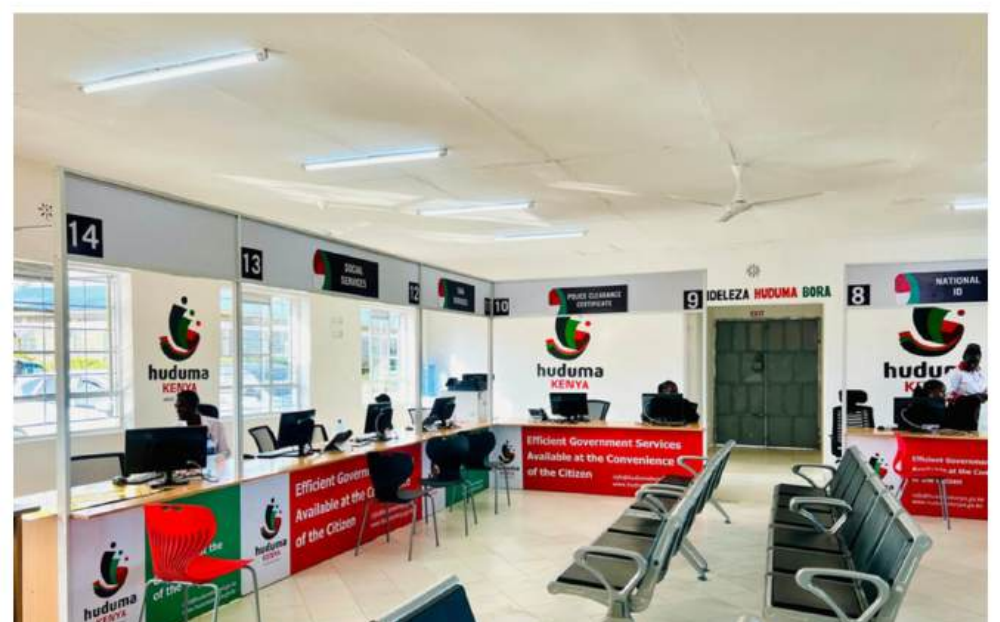
The Government of Kenya is bringing public services closer to its citizens, this time, to the people of Mogotio in Baringo County. This afternoon, the 59th Huduma Centre will be officially launched, marking a major milestone in the country's journey toward ensuring that no Kenyan is left behind when it comes to accessing vital government services.

Citizen-centered service delivery must be timely, efficient, and accessible. The newly launched Mogotio Huduma Centre will ensure that residents no longer need to travel to Nakuru City or Kabarnet Town to receive essential public services.

This centre will serve as a one-stop shop for essential government services, including ID processing, NHIF, NSSF, KRA, and civil registration. It is part of the government's broader vision to establish 290 Huduma Centres, one in every constituency, to support inclusive development and bring services closer to the people.

The launch is a result of a strategic partnership between Huduma Kenya and the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) Board, underscoring a commitment to decentralize service delivery and strengthen local access to Huduma Smart Serikalini.

With 58 Huduma Centres already operational across the country, today's launch of the Mogotio Huduma Centre continues to build on the momentum of transforming public service delivery and making it truly people-first.





LAUNCH *of* MOGOTIO HUDUMA CENTRE



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Hon. Reuben Kiborek
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