



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF UASIN GISHU

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UASIN GISHU ACCELERATES COFFEE EXPANSION WITH 563,110 SEEDLINGS DISTRIBUTED TO FOUR SUB-COUNTIES



Uasin Gishu County has stepped up the expansion of coffee farming, with 563,110 quality coffee seedlings already distributed to farmers in Ainabkoi, Turbo, Moiben and Kesses under the County Government's 2026 one-million coffee seedling programme.

The seedlings have the potential to establish approximately 563.11 acres of new coffee plantations, creating new opportunities for farmers to diversify their agricultural enterprises, increase household incomes and participate in a growing high-value crop economy.

Governor Dr. Jonathan Bii Chelilim has led the rollout of the programme, which is being implemented across all six sub-counties under Nguzo Kumi, with Agriculture as Nguzo 1.

In **Ainabkoi Sub-County**, **204,000 seedlings** were flagged off for distribution across Kapsoya, Kaptagat and Ainabkoi/Olare wards. The seedlings have the potential to establish approximately 204 acres of new coffee plantations.

In **Turbo Sub-County**, the **County distributed 157,000 seedlings**, enough to establish approximately 157 acres of coffee. The exercise was undertaken at Tiret Hospital and Leseru Chief's Office.

Moiben Sub-County received 103,000 seedlings, with the potential to establish approximately 103 acres across Karuna/Meibeki, Moiben, Sergoit, Tembelio and Kimumu wards. Traditionally associated with large-scale maize production, Moiben has significant potential to diversify into high-value crops such as coffee, giving farmers an additional long-term commercial income stream.

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The 2026 coffee programme, is themed : Brewing Prosperity: Enhancing the Coffee Value Chain for Sustainable Economic Empowerment.

The four sub-counties also include Kesses, which received 99,000 seedlings, bringing the combined distribution to 563,110 seedlings.

Governor Bii said the County's plan goes beyond increasing the number of coffee trees planted, with the administration focused on building a profitable and sustainable coffee industry that enables farmers to benefit across the entire value chain.

The County is therefore complementing seedling distribution with farmer training, agricultural extension services, cooperative development, processing, value addition, market linkages and benchmarking visits to expose farmers and cooperative leaders to successful coffee-production models.



As part of strengthening local processing, the Governor announced that each coffee cooperative will be supported with a coffee pulper, aimed at improving post-harvest handling, coffee quality and local processing while enabling farmers to retain more value from their produce.

Deputy Governor H.E Evans Kapkea has also highlighted the importance of diversification, particularly in areas traditionally dominated by maize farming. He noted that expanding coffee production provides farmers with an opportunity to establish sustainable sources of household income while strengthening the rural economy.

The County's investment in coffee is supported by emerging evidence of the crop's economic potential. Uasin Gishu currently has approximately 1,200 hectares under coffee, while farmers in Soy Sub-County generated more than KSh50 million in coffee sales in 2025.

The County has previously distributed more than 1.2 million coffee seedlings to farmers, providing an established foundation upon which the 2026 programme is building.

The 2026 initiative, themed "Brewing Prosperity: Enhancing the Coffee Value Chain for Sustainable Economic Empowerment," seeks to transform coffee into a commercially viable enterprise by increasing production while strengthening the systems that support farmers from planting to marketing.

Through the programme, the County Government is positioning coffee as more than a crop it is a pathway to income diversification, rural economic growth, value addition and sustainable farmer empowerment.

With the rollout continuing across the county, the one-million-seedling programme is set to further expand Uasin Gishu's coffee-growing footprint and strengthen the contribution of agriculture to the county's economic transformation agenda.

UASIN GISHU SELECTED FOR NATIONAL MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTH INVESTMENT



Uasin Gishu County has been selected among 10 counties set to benefit from the establishment of comprehensive maternal and newborn health facilities as the national government steps up efforts to reduce maternal and newborn deaths.

The initiative follows a directive by President William Ruto to strengthen maternal and newborn healthcare services across the country.

Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale recently brought together Governors and county health representatives, led by the Council of Governors Health Committee Chairperson and Mombasa Governor H.E. Abdullswamad Nassir, to chart the way forward for implementation.

Uasin Gishu County was represented by County Secretary Mr. Philip Melly, Health CECM Ms. Janet Kurgat, Chief Officers Dr. Ambrose Tarus (Clinical Services) and Dr. Billy Lubanga (Preventive and Promotive Health Services), Directors Dr. Evans Kiprotich (Medical Services) and Mr. Laban Kiprop (Preventive and Promotive Health Services), and Huruma Sub-County Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Richard Cheserek.

The programme will see the construction of 10 specialised 250-bed maternal and newborn health facilities in Nairobi, Bomet, Kwale, Mombasa, Garissa, Kisumu, Embu, Nakuru, West Pokot and Uasin Gishu.

The facilities are being funded through a KSh 4.4 billion grant from Amsons Group under the Mama na Mtoto Kwanza initiative, complementing the national Every Woman Every Newborn Everywhere (EWENE) programme.

Each facility will provide an integrated package of specialised services, including antenatal and postnatal care, labour and recovery services, obstetric care, Caesarean sections, maternal and neonatal intensive care, operating theatres, neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) and post-Caesarean wards.

The selection of the beneficiary counties followed a mapping exercise covering 26 counties that account for approximately 60 per cent of maternal deaths in Kenya, in line with World Health Organization benchmarks and national priorities for reducing preventable maternal and newborn deaths.

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The investment will also strengthen the healthcare workforce, with 900 health workers set to receive specialised training in obstetric care and another 900 in newborn care. In addition, the national government plans to recruit 5,000 nurses and midwives to boost staffing capacity.

Further support will come through an additional KSh 4 billion allocation channelled through the Social Health Authority (SHA) to support deliveries at Level 2 and Level 3 health facilities.

Groundbreaking for the specialised facilities is expected by September, with national and county governments continuing to coordinate on implementation to ensure timely delivery of the projects.

For Uasin Gishu, the investment represents a significant boost to the county's healthcare infrastructure and will enhance the capacity to manage complicated pregnancies and deliveries, provide specialised maternal and neonatal intensive care, and strengthen referral and emergency response systems.

The new facility will complement ongoing efforts by the County Government of Uasin Gishu to improve access to quality healthcare and advance the county's broader Universal Health Coverage (UHC) agenda, ensuring mothers and newborns receive timely, safe and specialised care closer to home.



Delivering The Promise

His Excellency Governor Dr. Jonathan Bii officially opened the Chepkumia Bridge in Kapsaos Ward, marking a major milestone for residents who have endured decades of challenges crossing the vital link.

The new bridge is expected to improve the movement of people and goods, enhance access to essential services and strengthen connections between communities.

The investment reflects the County Government's commitment to upgrading critical infrastructure and creating reliable transport links that support local economic activity.





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INSPECTION OF THE ULTRA MODERN COUNTY DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE

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COUNTY STEPS UP FIGHT AGAINST ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AS 14 COMPLETE REHABILITATION

Fourteen residents have successfully completed treatment and rehabilitation at the Uasin Gishu County Rehabilitation and Treatment Centre in Moiben, marking another milestone in the County Government's efforts to combat alcohol and substance abuse and restore hope to affected individuals and families.

Speaking during the graduation ceremony, Director of the Alcoholic Drinks Control Board (ADCB), Mr. Koiya Arap Maiyo, reaffirmed the County Government's commitment to strengthening the fight against alcohol and substance abuse, which continues to present significant health, social and economic challenges, particularly among young people.

Maiyo said the County, through the ADCB, is implementing a comprehensive approach that combines prevention, enforcement, treatment, rehabilitation and aftercare to address the effects of alcohol and substance abuse.



He emphasised that the County remains committed to helping individuals affected by substance abuse recover, regain their dignity and successfully reintegrate into their families and communities.

"This programme, which is offered free of charge, is courtesy of Governor Jonathan Bii, and we must ensure that every beneficiary receives the necessary support to recover, regain their dignity and become productive members of society," said Maiyo.



He called on families to remain actively involved throughout the recovery journey, noting that sustained family and community support is critical in helping clients maintain their progress after completing treatment.

The graduation also highlighted the importance of equipping recovering clients with practical skills that can support their transition back into society.

Director of Chebororwo Agricultural Training Centre (ATC), Mr. Wilbur Mutai, encouraged the graduands to explore agricultural activities and other income-generating opportunities as a pathway towards self-reliance.

Mutai said exposure to practical agricultural skills can help recovering clients rebuild confidence, develop productive routines and establish sustainable livelihoods as they reintegrate into their communities.

Partners attending the ceremony commended the County Government for investing in accessible rehabilitation and treatment services, while encouraging families and communities to embrace early intervention and professional support for individuals experiencing challenges related to alcohol and substance use.

For families affected by substance abuse, the rehabilitation programme is providing a renewed sense of hope.

Mr. Peter Kipya, a parent of one of the graduands, expressed appreciation to the County Government for providing free treatment and rehabilitation services.

Kipya said the support and guidance offered at the centre had contributed significantly to his child's recovery and had given the family renewed hope for the future.



DG KAPKEA CHAMPIONS SPORTS AS A TOOL FOR COHESION AND INTEGRATION

Uasin Gishu Deputy Governor Evans Kapkea has reaffirmed the County Government's commitment to using sports to promote social cohesion, youth empowerment, talent development and regional integration.

Speaking in Eldoret during the flag-off of a trans-country cycling expedition, Kapkea said sports provide a powerful platform for bringing together people from diverse backgrounds, building friendships and promoting peaceful coexistence.

The 55-day cycling expedition will traverse Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania under the theme of promoting integration and cohesion through sports.



“Sports bring people together regardless of their backgrounds. Through such activities, we can strengthen friendships, promote understanding and build a more united society,” said Kapkea.

He said the County will continue creating opportunities for young people to nurture and monetise their talents while using sporting activities to promote positive social values.

Meanwhile, Uasin Gishu is positioning itself for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), which will be co-hosted by Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

A representative from the Confederation of African Football (CAF) visited Eldoret to assess stadia and sporting facilities, hospitality and health capacity ahead of the continental tournament.

The representative, accompanied by the Deputy Governor and County sports officials, inspected Kipchoge Stadium as part of the assessment.

County Executive Committee Member for Sports Robert Kemei, Chief Officer CPA Victorine Kapkiai and Deputy Director Pius Mosbei were among officials present.



WATER PROJECTS PROGRESS IN MOIBEN, SET TO BENEFIT MORE THAN 600 HOUSEHOLDS

Construction of the Chemarmar and Kaptiga Water Projects in Moiben is progressing steadily, with the two projects expected to improve access to reliable and sustainable water for more than 600 households and institutions.

Implemented under the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) programme, the projects are designed to address water scarcity while strengthening community resilience to climate change.

The Kaptiga Water Project in Moiben Ward includes desilting of the dam, construction of an intake sump and pump house, installation of a solar-powered pumping system, a 24-cubic-metre elevated steel



tank, distribution pipelines and communal water points.

Similar infrastructure is being developed under the Chemarmar Water Project in Sergoit Ward, including an intake sump, solar pumping system, pump house, elevated steel tank, pipelines and communal water points.

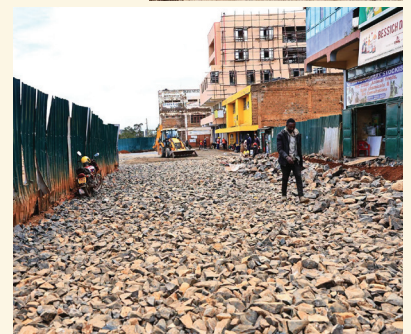
Engineers Noah Kebenei and Boaz Korellach, together with CCU Officer in Charge Bill Matelong, recently inspected the sites and commended the contractors for the progress achieved and adherence to required standards.

Once completed, the projects will provide more dependable water supplies, particularly during prolonged dry seasons, while supporting agriculture, food security and household livelihoods.



INSPECTION OF ITEN STAGE

His Excellency Governor Dr. Jonathan Bii inspects Iten Stage ahead of cabro works that will improve access, ease movement and enhance the appearance of the busy transport hub, creating a safer and more organised environment for commuters, traders and transport operators.



INSPECTION OF EASTLEIGH ROAD

His Excellency Governor Dr. Jonathan Bii inspects Eastleigh Road ahead of cabro installation, marking another step in the County's efforts to improve urban mobility, enhance road infrastructure and create a better environment for residents and businesses.



JOOUST AND UASIN GISHU PARTNER TO ADVANCE INCLUSIVE CHILDCARE FOR MARKET ENTREPRENEURS

The County Government of Uasin Gishu, through the Department of Trade, has partnered with Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST) to develop affordable, accessible and inclusive childcare solutions for market entrepreneurs.

The partnership was discussed during a stakeholder engagement meeting bringing together market committees, trader representatives, persons with disabilities (PWDs), development partners and County officials.

The initiative seeks to address childcare challenges faced by traders, particularly working mothers who often struggle to balance business responsibilities with the safety and care of their children while operating in markets.

Leading the JOOUST team was Dr. Carolyn Busienei, who is coordinating the university's participation and research component of the engagement.



The County opened the session through Chief Officer for Trade Elphas Kesio, accompanied by Director for Trade Nelly Jerotich and other senior officials.

Discussions focused on practical childcare solutions, including affordability, safety and hygiene, accessibility for children with disabilities, suitable daycare facilities, trained caregivers, flexible operating hours and sustainable financing and management models.

Development partners Hand in Hand and Kidogo also participated, contributing expertise in childcare, entrepreneurship and community-based solutions.



ON GOING WORKS AT THE PRISONS AREA, OPPOSITE KIPCHOGE STADIUM

Ongoing road enhancement works at the Prisons area, opposite Kipchoge Stadium. The upgrades will improve mobility for residents, motorists and pedestrians while contributing to the continued transformation of Eldoret, our City of Champions.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF UASIN GISHU

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INVESTMENT, INDUSTRIALIZATION,
TOURISM, COOPERATIVES AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALLOCATION OF MARKET SPACE

The County Government of Uasin Gishu wishes to inform members of the public that market spaces at **64 Iconic, Kapseret, Ainabkoi, Kessess and Matharu ESP markets** are available for allocation to eligible traders. Interested and eligible traders are hereby invited to apply for allocation of market spaces for the purpose of conducting lawful business within the market.

Application requirements.

1. Be legally eligible to operate a business within the market;
2. Application will be done online via <https://forms.gle/aBanESwZLVepw3YH8> or at the ward administrators offices or any market office;
3. Print the application from your email and attach the necessary documentation; and
4. Comply with all applicable market rules, regulations and by-laws.

Application Procedure

Application will be done online via the link.

Completed applications should be downloaded and printed from the respective applicant email and submitted to **Directorate of Trade at KVDA 12th Floor, or ward offices on or before Monday 14th September, 2026 at 5pm.**

Allocation of market spaces will be undertaken in accordance with the **applicable laws, policies and procedures of County Government of Uasin Gishu.**

Applicants are advised that **submission of an application does not guarantee allocation of a market space.** Successful applicants will be notified by publishing the names at the market noticeboard.

For further information, please contact Trade Department through **trade@uasingishu.go.ke**

DIRECTORATE OF TRADE AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF UASIN GISHU



UASIN GISHU PREPARES FOR TRANSPARENT STALL ALLOCATION AT 64 ULTRA-MODERN MARKET



The County Government of Uasin Gishu has intensified engagement with traders ahead of the opening of the 64 Ultra-Modern Market, with preparations focused on a fair, transparent and inclusive stall allocation process.

The Department of Trade, led by Chief Officer Elphas Kesio and Director of Trade Nelly Jerotich, held an engagement forum with traders to discuss the market's opening, stall allocation, traders' concerns and preparations for a smooth transition into the new facility.

Traders welcomed the new market while calling for an open and equitable online allocation process that gives all eligible traders an equal opportunity to secure trading space.



The County Government assured traders that their views will inform preparations and emphasised the importance of continued engagement to address practical concerns before the facility becomes fully operational.

The 64 Ultra-Modern Market, expected to be officially opened during the Mashujaa Day celebrations, will provide modern and organised trading spaces while supporting business growth, improving livelihoods and enhancing Eldoret's commercial appeal.

UASIN GISHU RECORDS 65% IN 2026 COUNTY READINESS ASSESSMENT

Uasin Gishu County has recorded an overall score of 65 per cent in the 2026 County Readiness Assessment, reflecting progress in strengthening health systems and improving service delivery.

The results, presented by Newton Odunga of AMPATH Uzima, were discussed during a feedback meeting that reviewed performance across 10 key areas. While several departments were commended for their progress, areas requiring further improvement were also identified.



Health Services CECM Janet Kurgat commended county health teams for their commitment and urged them to build on the gains achieved and address the identified gaps.

Kurgat also noted that Uasin Gishu ranked second nationally in vaccine uptake, highlighting the County's continued focus on preventive healthcare and improved access to essential health services.

Chief Officer for Preventive and Promotive Services Dr. Billy Lubanga appreciated AMPATH Uzima for its partnership with the County, noting its contribution to strengthening healthcare services.



The meeting also reviewed the ongoing transition of health programmes and assets from AMPATH Uzima to the County Government, with emphasis on accountability, sustainability and continuity of services. The asset handover was highlighted as a key milestone in the transition.

Chief Officer for Clinical Services Dr. Ambrose Tarus congratulated the teams on the progress made and called for sustained efforts to improve performance.



UASIN GISHU STEPS UP PREPARATIONS FOR 2026 MASHUJAA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Preparations for the 2026 Mashujaa Day national celebrations in Uasin Gishu County are gathering pace, with government agencies and the County Government coordinating efforts to ensure Eldoret is ready to host thousands of Kenyans.

A multi-agency meeting convened by the Office of the President, Ministry of Interior and National Administration and County Commissioner Dr. Eddyson Nyale reviewed the readiness of Kipchoge Stadium and other key infrastructure ahead of the national event.

The committee assessed progress on the stadium's perimeter wall, power and internet connectivity, water and sewerage connections, installation of the jumbo flag and Court of Arms, and erection of pavilions. Preparations outside the stadium are also advancing, with teams reviewing roads, street lighting, drainage, beautification, water supply, parking areas, landing zones, affordable housing and markets, as well as traffic management, alternative routes, crowd control, parade and entertainment programmes.



The celebrations will bring together thousands of Kenyans in Uasin Gishu to honour the country's heroes and heroines and celebrate Kenya's achievements and national unity.

The County Government was represented by County Secretary, City Manager Elzeba Busienei and Chief Officer Administration Ruth Samoei, alongside officials from national government agencies, parastatals and County departments.



The County Government continues to work closely with national government agencies and other stakeholders to ensure that Kipchoge Stadium and the wider city infrastructure are ready to host a successful 2026 Mashujaa Day celebration.

GOVERNOR BII REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO DIVERSIFYING SPORTS TALENT

Governor Dr. Jonathan Bii has reaffirmed his administration's commitment to broadening sports development in Uasin Gishu beyond athletics by creating opportunities for young people to excel in diverse sporting disciplines.

The Governor made the remarks while hosting students from Chepsaita High School and Soin Girls High School, who delivered impressive performances while representing Kenya at the recently concluded East African School Games.

Governor Bii congratulated the teams, noting that their achievements demonstrate the depth of sporting talent in Uasin Gishu and the need to invest in a wider range of disciplines.

He said the County Government will continue supporting grassroots sports through improved facilities, talent identification and development, and platforms for young athletes to compete at higher levels.

While Uasin Gishu is internationally recognised as an athletics hub, Governor Bii said his administration is focused on expanding opportunities in football, volleyball, basketball and other sporting disciplines.

He challenged schools, coaches and sports stakeholders to identify and nurture talent from an early age, assuring them of continued County Government support.

Soin Girls Junior School emerged East African champions in the primary school category, while Chepsaita Secondary School finished runners-up after a 3-2 defeat to Uganda's Namugongo.



The Governor commended the students for placing Uasin Gishu and Kenya on the regional sporting map, saying their success demonstrates the potential of young people when provided with the right support and opportunities.

The County's continued investment in diverse sporting disciplines is expected to strengthen youth empowerment, talent development and opportunities for young people to pursue sports as a career and livelihood.



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KAPSILIBOI ROAD UPGRADE OPENS NEW CHAPTER FOR CONNECTIVITY AND TRADE

Governor Dr. Jonathan Bii inspected the ongoing improvement works on the Kapsiliboi Road, which connects Maili Nne and Kapkeben, as the County Government moves to transform a road that has remained difficult to navigate for decades.

The Governor assessed excavation, grading and gravelling works, which mark a significant milestone in efforts to improve connectivity and open up the area to greater economic opportunities.

The road has long presented challenges to residents, restricting the movement of people and goods and limiting access to essential services. Once completed, the upgrade is expected to ease mobility for residents, farmers and traders while improving access to markets, schools and healthcare facilities.



The improved road will also support local trade and agriculture by making it easier to transport farm produce and other goods, strengthening livelihoods and stimulating economic activity in the area.

The project is part of the County Government's continued investment in road infrastructure to improve connectivity, open up underserved areas and enhance the quality of life for residents.

The Governor reaffirmed the County's commitment to accelerating road upgrades across Uasin Gishu to improve mobility, unlock economic potential and connect communities to opportunities.



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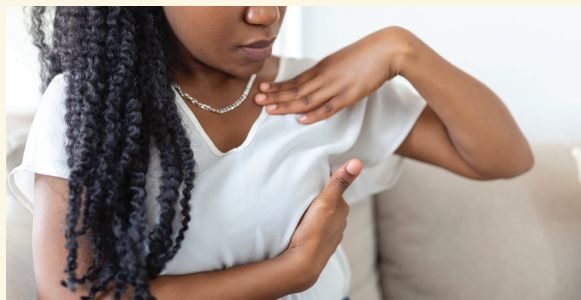
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