



UASIN GISHU COUNTY

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Upholding the pride of Eldoret

Message from the Governor

We take immense pride in hosting the inaugural biennial devolution conference, a platform that not only celebrates our achievements but also evaluates our current state and envisions a promising future. This auspicious occasion coincides with our one-year anniversary in office.

Guided by the overarching framework of the Nguzo Kumi blueprint, our county has made remarkable strides. Rooted in addressing the needs of our residents, each of our ten departments serves as a beacon of solutions, effectively addressing the challenges facing our community.

Our unwavering dedication to fostering economic growth is evident through the initiation of key projects designed to cultivate opportunities and prosperity. A particularly notable allocation of Ksh 100 million towards the County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP) underscores our resolute commitment to trade, economic expansion, and holistic development.

At the heart of our administrative ethos lies a commitment to efficient service delivery. The imminent establishment of the transformative County Huduma Centre stands as a testament to our unwavering resolve to provide unparalleled public service and unwavering support to our esteemed citizens.

Further reinforcing our unwavering focus on grassroots economic empowerment are the ongoing market rehabilitation projects. Our eager anticipation for the construction of an ultra-modern market resonates with the pressing need to address spatial concerns, particularly within our burgeoning business communities.

Environmental stewardship remains a top priority, exemplified by the initiative known as Financing Locally Led Climate Change Activities (FLoCA). Our proactive efforts to plant trees, aligned with President William Ruto's clarion call, reflect our unyielding commitment to sustainability.



H.E Hon. Jonathan Bii Chelilim
Governor, Uasin Gishu

In the agricultural sector, which forms the bedrock of our county, we fervently promote modern farming techniques, embrace technological integration, and harness green energy to foster growth and prosperity. Our dedication to infrastructure development remains steadfast, encompassing road networks and urban enhancements. Ongoing road projects, coupled with the completion of a state-of-the-art sixty-four-stadium in collaboration with the World Bank, serve as tangible demonstrations of our resolute commitment to growth and overall well-being.

Undoubtedly, healthcare holds paramount importance, as evidenced by our concerted efforts towards enhanced service delivery and the completion of crucial healthcare facilities. This ensures accessible and high-quality healthcare services for all residents.

In the realm of essential water supply, a fundamental need, we have forged strategic partnerships to guarantee clean and reliable sources for households. This proactive stance also promotes sustainable water management practices, thereby elevating the overall quality of life within our community.

Our youth, representing the future of our county, are nurtured through various avenues including sports, talent programs, and educational initiatives. These endeavors collectively contribute to empowerment and a lasting positive impact.

As we forge ahead, we recognize the pivotal role of technological advancements and connectivity in propelling our progress. Our diligent efforts to enhance internet accessibility and establish a dedicated county call center exemplify our unwavering dedication to efficient service provision.

In the realm of education, we hold our educators in high esteem, granting them permanent terms and launching pioneering initiatives like the School Milk Program. These endeavors, aimed at nurturing the potential of every child, further underscore our commitment to fostering a robust educational foundation.

Our financial stewardship extends to decentralized revenue collection and the proactive resolution of pending bills, both of which reflect our unwavering commitment to prudent governance.

The recent elevation of Eldoret to city status heralds unprecedented growth and development prospects, a visionary goal to which we are fervently committed.

With unwavering determination, we stride forward, continuously harnessing opportunities, guaranteeing an elevated quality of life for each resident, and collectively shaping a brighter future for our esteemed county.

Message from the Deputy Governor

In 2010, our country embarked on a revolutionary path by embracing the transformative concept of devolution, heralding a new era of progress. Since assuming office in 2022, under the visionary leadership of Governor Jonathan Bii Chelilim, our journey has witnessed remarkable advancements across the fundamental pillars that define our development agenda.

Governor Bii's stewardship has empowered citizens in unprecedented ways. Devolution's essence lies in the transfer of decision-making authority to the local level, empowering residents to actively shape projects that align with their aspirations.

This culture of engagement has blossomed through dynamic town hall meetings, participatory budgeting, and open forums. Transparency and accountability have become the cornerstones of our success. Unrestricted access to information and transparent budget allocations have fostered a profound sense of trust between the government and its constituents. Regular progress reports underscore our unwavering commitment to efficient resource allocation and seamless project execution.

Infrastructure development has revolutionized our landscape. A network of roads, bridges, and connectivity projects has invigorated local trade, ushering in a wave of economic activities and prosperity.

Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions have evolved into centers of innovation, nurturing a skilled workforce tailored for emerging industries. Graduates are now equipped to confidently tackle the challenges of the modern economy.

Under Governor Bii's guidance, accessible and high-quality healthcare has become a reality.



H.E Hon. Evans Kapkea, Deputy Governor, Uasin Gishu

Upgraded facilities and trained healthcare professionals have orchestrated a transformation in our health sector, leading to enhanced well-being for all.

Water scarcity has met its match through the "meche biko beko" campaign. Water resource management initiatives have revitalized agriculture, improved sanitation, and elevated the overall well-being of our community.

Strategic partnerships with entities like Elsmad and the national government have amplified the impact of our development endeavors, unlocking new realms of possibilities and potential. Our unwavering commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship has been seamlessly integrated into our journey. A host of renewable energy initiatives and eco-friendly practices are charting a course toward a greener future. Inclusivity stands as a steadfast cornerstone of our approach. Marginalized groups, women, youth, and vulnerable populations are empowered through a tapestry of opportunities, skills training, and robust support mechanisms.

Our journey of transformation unfolds as an unending cycle of learning and growth. Regular evaluations, responsive feedback mechanisms, and adaptive strategies keep us attuned to the evolving needs of our vibrant community.

As we stand on the threshold of a new dawn, our administrative visionary leadership has charted a resolute course toward an empowered, progressive, and promising future.

Through citizen participation, unwavering transparency, and collaborative endeavours, we are crafting a narrative of transformation that resonates far beyond our borders, illuminating a path to a brighter and more prosperous tomorrow for all.



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Getting services closer to the people, a true meaning of devolution in Uasin Gishu

The County Government has established Sub-County and ward offices, bringing services closer to the people. This initiative has improved service delivery, convenience, and accessibility for residents. The offices provide a wide range of services, such as licenses, veterinary assistance, planning approvals, bursaries, and AI services.

County Executive Committee Member for Devolution Elijah Kosgey, while officially opening Turbo Sub-County Office noted that the construction of the Ward and Sub-County offices are among the flagship projects of Governor Jonathan Bii's projects noting that residents are able to receive services closer to them.

The introduction of the offices has eliminated long queues and bureaucratic hurdles. Local leaders have become more accessible and responsive to the needs of their communities, fostering a stronger bond between the government and the people. The success of this approach has inspired neighboring counties to replicate it, leading to progress and development throughout the region. Uasin Gishu County continues to flourish with a commitment to serving its citizens wholeheartedly. The success of the initiative has gone beyond just service provision. A sense of unity and pride enveloped the communities as they witness the positive impact of the Sub-County and ward offices. Local leaders have become more accessible and in tune with the needs of their wards, forging a stronger bond between the government and the people.

As word spread about the Uasin Gishu model, neighboring counties sought to replicate this approach, creating a ripple effect of progress and development throughout the region.

With each passing day, Uasin Gishu County continues to flourish, driven by the commitment to serve its citizens wholeheartedly. The Sub-County and ward offices symbolizes a profound transformation—a testament to the power of innovation and the unwavering dedication to bringing services closer to

the heart of the Wananchi. Together, they embark on a journey towards a brighter future, fueled by the shared dream of prosperity and wellbeing for all.

So far 13 Ward Offices are in use and 4 Sub-County Offices completed



Side View of Turbo Sub-County Office.

Governor Bii maintains more than 800 kilometres of roads in his first year in Office under a massive road construction project

In a bid to boost the economy of the county, uplift agriculture, trade and enhance job creation, Uasin Gishu County Governor Jonathan Bii's administration embarked on a massive ambitious road construction program across the County.

Over 800 kilometers of new roads have been graded within a period of eight months since the new county boss was sworn into office. This is part of the over 220 projects involving compacting and graveling roads, drainage works, and installation of box culverts and construction of new bridges across all wards.

Speaking during an inspection of ongoing works along Kalyet-Toloita road in Moiben Ward Moiben Sub County, Governor Bii said the program under the 2022/23 financial year had a target of 1000 kilometres of new roads across the county.

"During the campaigns, I promised the people of Uasin Gishu good roads to enhance transport under the sixth agenda in my Nguzo Kumi manifesto on roads and infrastructure. Good roads are very important for both Wheat, Maize, and Dairy farmers," Governor Bii told the residents of Kalyet.

"As a county government, we are committed to fulfilling all our promises. I am happy to see the tarmacked Soy-Kipsangui-Kabenes road and also the Sports Club-Bishop Muge road in Race Course ward. My wishes and plans are to see my administration implement such massive projects, especially on roads leading to trading centres and key facilities like hospitals and markets," Governor Bii continued.

During the inspection of some of the roads in Race Course ward, Kesses Sub County, Uasin Gishu County Roads, Governor Bii said the completion of the roads being improved to bitumen will decongest traffic along the busy Eldoret-Kapsabet -Kisumu

roads once tarmacked.

Additionally, Governor Bii's Administration has made a major milestone in its effort to decongest Eldoret CBD following the introduction of a new Bus terminal that will cater for at least three Matatu saccos plying the Eldoret -Langa's route and other parts in the eastern part of the city.

Speaking in the same function, CECM for Roads Eng Joseph Lagat said that the urban program to improve the infrastructure involves the tarmacking and paving of roads, installation of drainage systems, the opening of blocked drainage lines, installation of street lights and repairs of the existing ones to enhance transportation and boost security.

The County boss also initiated a street lighting program to promote the growth of a 24-hour economy and enhance night-time traffic safety in Eldoret town and other trading centers. The County Government Energy team is in the process of installing new streetlights all over the town. In the first phase of the program, the team installed at least 21 lanterns a day within Eldoret CBD and on major highways.

While on an inspection exercise of the street lighting program in Eldoret town at night, Governor Bii said the target is to ensure that Eldoret town is safe for business to thrive, irrespective of the time of day as the town gears up for a 24-hour economy.

CECM Roads, Transport and Public Works Eng. Lagat noted that this year the county is targeting to complete the grading of 600 Kilometers of roads. Last year the grading program achieved 800 Kilometers of murram roads and 400 kilometers of gravel and compacted roads.

"Apart from this program, the county government under the leadership of Governor Jonathan Bii launched the FY2023/24 road construction grading program during his developmental tour of Kipsomba ward recently and we are targeting to achieve 1200 kilometers to improve rural roads.

According to Eng. Joseph Lagat, graveling of more than 400 kilometers in seven months is good traction of the 3,300 km of all roads under the county government.

"In total, we have 220 ongoing road projects at the moment, 30 of which are here in Moiben Sub County, eleven of which are ongoing in Moiben ward. I want to thank the MCA's for their cooperation, CECM Eng Lagat noted.



The ongoing tarmacking works of 3 Kilometres of roads in Race Course Ward, Kesses Sub County.

Devolution positive impact on ECDE'S in Uasin Gishu

As the country marks 10 years of Devolution, Uasin Gishu locals have a reason to be happy for the system – all thanks to a number of initiatives the county has put in place.

Top on that list is the recently launched School Milk Program.

It has been barely three months of the program implementation but it is already a game changer not only regionally but also nationally.

Uasin Gishu became the first county to launch the program that has been praised by many – with other counties also following suit – among them the neighbouring Trans Nzoia. The Uasin Gishu School Milk Program covers over 40,000 public ECDE learners who get milk twice a week – Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Speaking during the launch of the program, Governor Jonathan Bii Chelilim said, "this program extends a lifeline to many families.

It will nourish pupil's bodies and bring relief to struggling families."

True to Governor's words, the School Milk Program has been a lifeline to many learners – especially those from humble families. During the launch of the Program, Deputy Governor Eng. John Barorot noted that milk was a key component for the growth of a child.

"It gives a learner needed components to stimulate growth and ensure he/she remains attentive in class," noted the DG.

Since the program was unveiled, it has been a success, to some extent even exceeding expectations. County Executive Committee Member for Education Dr. Janeth Kosgei notes that enrolment to ECDEs has sharply increased, less and less students skip schools – a clear indication that the program has a direct impact – a positive one in this case.

"So far we have increased enrolment by 2,981 learners and also greatly improved attendance since milk has become a great motivation making learners yearn to be in class," Dr Kosgei said.

So far, the program is being implemented in 687 public ECDEs. Aside from the School Milk Program, the county has over the years also invested heavily in improving ECDE infrastructure and working conditions for teachers. It has constructed 1,073 ECDE classrooms and employed 1,370 teachers on a permanent and pensionable term.

Uasin Gishu was among the first counties to give ECDE teachers permanent jobs – a commitment that was made by Governor Jonathan Bii.

Speaking at launch of the program, Basic Education PS Dr Belio Kipsang lauded Governor Jonathan Bii for the rollout of the program, which he said aligns perfectly with the Kenya Kwanza Government's Education charter that commits to supporting and funding school feeding programs.

He also commended the Governor for employing all ECDE teachers on permanent and pensionable terms.



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"Thank you for making it easier for us to increase success, retention and transition," PS Kipsang said.

In addition, the department of Education is in the process of introducing a digital learning in ECDE centres that will seek to improve the learning outcome in the county subsequently improving the performance.

With the school milk program, a motivated workforce and an good environment for learners, private institutions are now seeking partnership with the public ECDE centres – a move that signals the right direction that Devolution is taking this county on matters Education.



Governor Jonathan Bii and PS Kipsang together with pupils during the launch of Uasin Gishu School Milk Program.



A student enjoys a packet of milk under the School Milk Program.

H.E Governor Jonathan Bii delivers 505 titles to Maili nne, Kuinet & Hill School settlements under KISIP programme

Residents of Maili Nne, Hill School and Kuinet Settlements are a happy lot after Governor Jonathan Bii Chelilim fulfilled his promise of improving and fast-tracking the processing and issuance of title deeds across the County under his Nguzo Kumi initiative.

The Governor lauded Kenya Kwanza Government under the leadership of H.E President William Ruto, for initiating a process that makes it easier and quicker to process and issue land ownership documents across the country.

The County boss expressed optimism that the President Ruto-led administration will restore the dignity of hundreds of families who are still struggling to get title deeds for their land as part of his transformative agenda in the land sector.

He urged the youth to take up agricultural activities and expand sources of income to curb sell off land for social needs.

"I would like to call on youth to stop selling land given to them by their parents but instead put the property into proper use to uplift their standards of living" said Bii.

Bii implored parents to start writing land succession documents for their children to avoid cases related to succession on the property which he observed were rampant in the region.

On his part Uasin Gishu County Deputy Governor H.E Eng. John Barorot, applauded the government's efforts to digitize matters of land ownership, observing that it would rid of many cases of land disputes and delays in land tenure security.

Uasin Gishu County Commissioner Dr Eddyson Nyale warned politicians and individuals hell-bent to continue causing mayhem and insecurity due to land grabbing.

"We wish to warn all those leaders who continue to incite members of the public on matters of land

and who engage in cases of land grabbing will come for them," He warned.

Speaking at the county headquarters, Mama Sarah Samoei, mother to President H.E William Ruto, thanked the government for initiating the process for the targeted residents who have been waiting for land tenure security for many years.

She emphasized the need for beneficiaries to put into good use the property to improve their social and economic status.

"Let me thank H.E Chelilim for finally bringing into reality land ownership in the 3 settlements," she said.

Uasin Gishu County Assembly Speaker Hon. Philip Muigei, said that the county Assembly was in to support the Governor's agenda.



Governor Jonathan Bii issues a title deed to a beneficiary. The programme is under his Nguzo Kumi initiative.

The making of the future city

Eldoret has come a long way to become a principal town in the Western part of Kenya, it serves as the capital of Uasin Gishu County. The town was referred to by white settlers as Sixty-Four because Farm 64 was what is Eldoret Posta now and the Railway Station in the town was 64Miles from Londiani station colloquially known as 'Sisibo'by locals.

As per the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census, Eldoret is the fifth most populated urban area in the country after Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru and Ruiru. Lying south of the Cherangani Hills, the local elevation varies from about 2,100 metres (6,900 ft) at the airport to more than 2,700 metres (8,900 ft) in nearby areas.

The population was 289,380 in the 2009 National Census and 475,716 people according to 2019 National Census which makes it is currently the fastest growing town in Kenya. Eldoret was one of the first towns in Kenya to elect an African Mayor, Councillor A. N. Oloo who took office on 2nd September 1963.

Uasin Gishu County is strategically placed in the North Rift Economic Block (NOREB), its capital Eldoret, is a regional headquarters, a logistics and economic hub. Over the years, the County Government of Uasin Gishu through the Eldoret Municipality has been working to satisfy the requirements to be elevated to Kenya's fifth city.

For this reason, the County has over the years witnessed rapid urbanization which has led to Eldoret being counted among the top 5 high potential towns to grow to city status, to which the county leadership under Governor Jonathan Bii is working round the clock to bring the status to reality.

In a bid to leverage the benefits of the city status for

improved economic opportunities and living conditions, the County through the Municipality of Eldoret, has prioritized, the delivery of improved infrastructure and services within its boundaries.

Also, the Municipality drawing inspiration from the county leadership, has managed to undertake several programs aimed at improving business around the municipality and ensuring services for residents of the municipality and the entire county are catered for.

The Municipality has sorted out road infrastructure, storm water drainages, erection of high masts, paving of Eldoret CBD services, back lanes and putting up non-motorized transport (NMT) services. NMT is a project funded by the World Bank and which offers clean and safe walk paths along highways. This, most importantly works to assure the safety of pedestrians.

Governor Jonathan Bii Chelilim is passionate about the conferment of the town to city status, speaking in various functions within the county, the Governor has been firm and deliberate on the course towards achieving the city status.

His 'Nguzo Kumi' agendas are reflective of his development direction which resonates with the people of Uasin Gishu.

"As we await Eldoret to be elevated into a city, we have to make sure that there are mechanisms and programs that support economic growth and development in our town, by promoting the development of requisite infrastructure and services, and sorting out traffic is among them," says Governor Bii.

"The Kenya Informal Settlements Improvements Programs, and Kenya Urban Support Program have been key transformational programs in Uasin Gishu, we now

have clear road connectivity, footpaths and enhanced security through street lighting and provision of high masts in areas previously deemed as insecure." Added the county boss.

"Eldoret has improved a great deal and a lot is visible especially comparing before and after devolution," adds Governor Bii.

The county in collaboration with Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (CRVWDA) through Eldoret Water and Sanitation Company (ELDOWAS), is also undertaking a Ksh. 400 million major project dubbed the last mile connectivity of extension of sewer lengths up to 45,857m in Elgon view/Upper Elgon view, Kipkorgot, Annex, Sugunanga, Hillside, Kenmosa, Eldoret ASK Showground, Racecourse and Plateau.

ELDOWAS is also expanding its sewerage systems to prepare for population growth and expansion of the municipality, which come along with need for waste management systems.

Eldoret is centrally placed as a town that has direct flights to all the cities in the country and currently international cargo lands in Eldoret before transportation via road to the rest of the country.

Once it attains the city status, Eldoret will attract more investors, conference facilities, growing tourism sector, which also creates a demand for road linkages, expanding airlines to international spaces, especially Europe.



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The paradigm shift in high-value crops

Traditionally, Uasin Gishu is known for grains (maize and wheat), however, in recent years, there has been a notable shift towards cultivation of high-value crops, resulting in a paradigm shift to diversification of agriculture in the county.

This increased demand for high-value produce both locally and internationally. Crops, such as avocados, macadamia nuts, Coffee, tissue culture bananas, passion fruits, among others, have gained popularity due to their nutritional value and high returns per acreage.

Farmers in Uasin Gishu have recognized the opportunity to diversify their income streams and tap into this growing market demand. This shift promotes environmental friendly agriculture and helps to conserve natural resources, reduce pollution, and promote biodiversity in the region.

Additionally, the development of value chains and agribusinesses associated with these crops stimulates the local economy, attracting investments and boosting trade in the region. Access to quality seeds and inputs has been a challenge.

To overcome this hurdle, Uasin Gishu County have been distributing free seedlings to farmers and encouraging them to join cooperatives. This has facilitated the production and distribution of high-quality seeds and inputs, ensuring that farmers have access to the necessary resources to cultivate these crops successfully.

Another significant challenge faced by farmers is the lack of market linkages and market information. To address this, market linkages Farmers' cooperatives and associations have been instrumental in establishing direct connections with buyers, participating in trade fairs, and leveraging digital platforms to promote their products.

By venturing beyond traditional crops, farmers in this Uasin Gishu are not only diversifying their income streams but also contributing to the overall agricultural and economic growth of the region.

County Government plays a crucial role in creating an enabling environment for farmers. They have provided financial assistance to farmers through the cooperative movement to farmers transitioning to high-value crops.

Furthermore, the County facilitates access to markets by establishing robust infrastructure such as roads, storage facilities, and marketplaces. This ensures that farmers can efficiently transport and sell their high-value crops, eliminating unnecessary delays and losses.

In addition, the county has provided training and capacity-building programs to farmers, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to cultivate high-value crops successfully.

To combat post-harvest losses, the department has constructed over 7 cereal stores strategically located across the county that include; Kaptait, Tulwet/Chuiyat, Mafuta, Tuiyo, and Mateny which will provide farmers with secure and proper facilities to store their produce and prevent spoilage. The construction of these cereal stores is expected to significantly cushion farmers against post-harvest losses as well as enhance their income.

Dairy farming sector is supported by the county government by constructing 46 milk coolers to facilitate milk bulking. The coolers provide farmers with a convenient and efficient way to store and transport their milk while maintaining its quality. The introduction of these coolers will boost the dairy sector and increase farmers' access to markets, leading to improved incomes for the dairy farmers in Uasin Gishu.

The establishment of the Agricultural Mechanization Services (AMS) in Uasin Gishu County has had a significant impact in revolutionizing and modernizing the agricultural sector in the region. One of the primary objectives of the AMS was to open up new land for wheat and maize production.

With the growing population and increasing demand for food, it became essential to expand agricultural activities to meet the needs of the people, AMS also focused on introducing modern farming practices.

Through AMS, farmers are trained on the latest farming techniques, including crop rotation, irrigation methods, and pest control, to ensure optimal yields and sustainable farming practices.

In the past, small-scale farmers faced significant challenges in accessing agricultural machinery. By providing subsidies for farm machines, farmers have not only been able to improved their productivity but also created job opportunities within the agricultural sector.

Training played a vital role in the AMS's agenda. The farming community were educated and guided. AMS is also carrying out training on soil testing, proper plowing, seed selection, and planting methods.

By imparting this knowledge, the AMS aimed to improve the overall quality of agricultural practices in the county. Farmers have been equipped with the skills and information necessary to achieve higher yields and better crop quality.

Quality healthcare services at the grassroots

County Government of Uasin Gishu is committed to enhance healthcare services for its residents with a primary focus on specialized medical services aimed to improving the accessibility and quality of healthcare services offered in the sub-county hospitals and the other facilities.

Acknowledging the importance of specialized medical attention for the overall well-being of the residents, the county government has initiated plans to allocate additional resources to ensure the availability of necessary equipment and skilled personnel in the facilities.

By investing in new advanced technologies and training healthcare professionals, Uasin Gishu aims to provide specialized services that were previously only accessible in Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital and Kenyatta National Hospital.

The Departmental commitment and partnerships with other medical institutions both locally and internationally recently saw the Israeli Government partner in provide with modern diagnostic equipment at the same time offering one of its kind drones to pick samples of clients whenever they are without incurring costs while traveling to seek laboratory services.

Health County Executive Committee Member Dr. Sam Kotut has emphasized that the commitment to enhancing health care services is driven by their dedication to improving the lives of its clients by bringing specialized medical attention closer to home, the government aims to alleviate the burden on patients who would otherwise have to travel long distances to seek such care.

The residents of Uasin Gishu have expressed their excitement about the government's plans, noting that improved health care services would positively impact their lives. They laud the county government for prioritizing their well-being and are eagerly looking forward to the implementation of drones' system.

Ziwa,Turbo and Burnt Forest health facilities are equipped with the state-of-the-art surgical equipment and has a team of skilled surgeons and medical professionals who perform various surgeries and procedures.

The County Government has also invested in training and capacity building for medical professionals to ensure that they are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to provide quality healthcare services.

Furthermore, the County Government has put in place measures to ensure that healthcare services are affordable and accessible to all residents including subsidizing medical fees for vulnerable

groups such as the elderly, children, and people living with disabilities as well as accrediting its facilities with National Hospital Insurance Fund(NHIF).

The County has also partnered with various organizations to carry out health sensitization programs on various health fronts such as HIV/AIDS, malaria prevention, maternal and child health, and non-communicable diseases. Cervical cancer screening and treatment, chronic disease management and oncology services provided in sub-county hospitals



Governor Jonathan Bii during the launch of the revolving fund pharmacy at Burnt Forest Sub County Hospital.

Creation of a conducive business environment, affordable credit tops trade and co-op department priorities

Provision of a conducive business environment to realize creation of wealth among traders for growth of economy is Governor Jonathan Bii's Nguzo number four in his ten pillars.

The governor through the department of Trade, Industrialization, Tourism, Cooperatives and Enterprise Development has made strides that every trader enjoys in realization of not only growing wealthy but also employment of the young workforce.

Already the department capacity build over 200 Small and Medium Enterprises(SMEs) from across the wards with an intension of equipping them with necessary trade skills needed for the current business spectrum. This is to further fulfill a close of the trade pillar on provision of necessary knowledge for improved businesses.

The department in a quest to improving the working environment has continued to engage various business stakeholders on various ways of improving businesses. This is through organizing business talks, construction of new market premises and renovation of the existing market

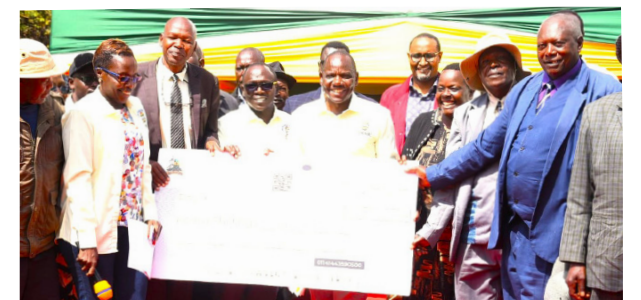
facilities as well as provision of social amenities including water and electricity to further boost trade across the county.

Frequent engagement with manufactures on the importance of expanding their businesses and efforts that led to the establishment of the County's Export Processing Zone (EPZ) is also among ways that the department has successfully effected.

Improvement of Eldoret town back lanes through laying of cabros, installation of security lights and provision of drainage systems has greatly opened up businesses across the town. Provision of affordable credit to Cooperative Societies and Saccos is another focus for the governor for these societies to grow themselves economically.

Already, the county government has issued out over sh.700 million to various societies across the county, organizing local and national capacity building forums with an aim of instilling new technological incentives especially on matters value addition for them to expand their invest scope.

The Department in conjunction with Assembly's Trade and Cooperatives committee successfully managed to align various policies, legislations, frameworks and other interventions to effectively help in steering social, economic and development programs of the department to provide efficient services to the county residents



Governor Jonathan Bii(fourth right),CECM for Trade and Cooperatives Martha Cheruto(second left) during the issuance of a cheque worth Ksh 18,900,000 to various county cooperatives societies.