



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF UASIN GISHU

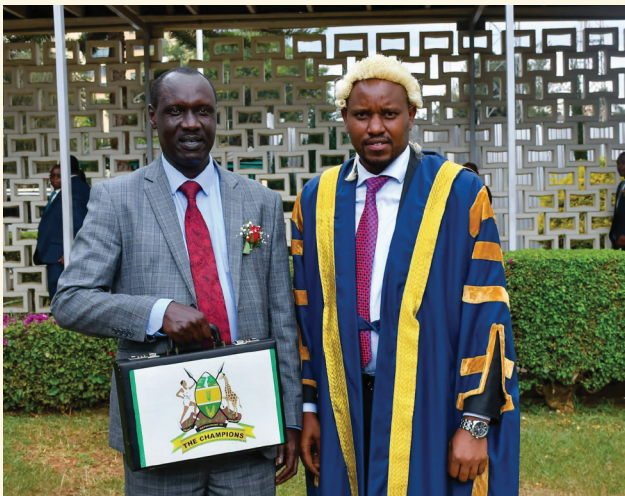
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UASIN GISHU BUDGET PRIORITISES HEALTH, AGRICULTURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Health has emerged as the biggest winner in the proposed KSh 12.99 billion Uasin Gishu County Government budget for the 2026/2027 Financial Year, with the sector receiving KSh 3.37 billion to strengthen healthcare services, complete key infrastructure projects, and enhance access to affordable and quality medical care.

County Executive for Finance and Economic Planning, Micah Rogony, presented the budget estimates before the County Assembly, outlining a development-focused fiscal plan anchored on economic growth, wealth creation, improved service delivery, and prudent management of public resources.

The budget will be financed through KSh 9.26 billion from the equitable share of nationally raised revenue, KSh 1.4 billion from Own Source Revenue (OSR), KSh 530.65 million in conditional grants, and KSh 708.7 million from Appropriation-in-Aid (AIA).

In a move aimed at cushioning residents from additional financial pressure, the county government will not introduce new charges, levies, or fees despite the targeted amendments proposed under the Finance Bill, 2026.

Agriculture and Agribusiness, remains a strategic pillar of the county's economic transformation agenda, with KSh 729 million allocated to support agro-processing, value addition, irrigation development, promotion of high-value crops, farmer capacity building, strengthened market linkages, and the revitalization of Agricultural Mechanization Services (AMS) to increase productivity and enhance food security. [Cont. Pg 3](#)

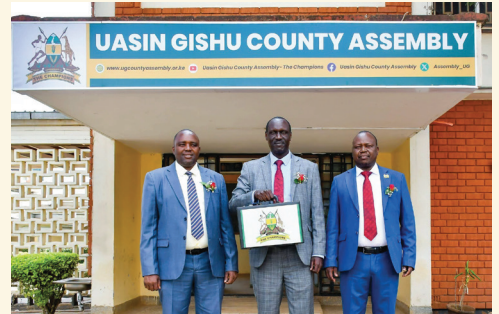


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In the health sector, the county will prioritize the completion and equipping of the Uasin Gishu County Hospital Diagnostic Centre, upgrading of health facilities across wards, completion of ongoing projects at Moiben, Turbo, and Ziwa hospitals, acquisition of additional ambulances, strengthening of emergency and referral systems, recruitment and training of health personnel, digitization of health services, and uninterrupted supply of essential medicines.



Trade, Industrialization and Cooperative Development will receive renewed focus through the expansion of the Fanikisha Hustle and Enterprise Fund to increase access to affordable credit for MSMEs, farmers, women, youth, and entrepreneurs. The county will also prioritize completion and operationalization of the 64 Champions Market and the County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIPs) to enhance value addition, processing, storage, and market access.



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Infrastructure remains a key driver of economic development, with KSh 1.2 billion earmarked for roads and related projects. The county plans to operationalize its asphalt plant to accelerate road upgrades to bitumen standards, improve rural access roads, and enhance connectivity to markets, schools, health facilities, and other essential services. Investments in water distribution networks, storage facilities, irrigation, and climate-resilient infrastructure will also be prioritized through strategic partnerships.

Education, skills development, innovation, and youth empowerment will continue to shape the county's long-term development agenda. The county will modernize Vocational Training Centres into centres of excellence, fast-track the completion of the Modern Library, Youth Empowerment and Innovation Centre, strengthen ECDE infrastructure, support school feeding programmes, provide learning materials, and recruit instructors to improve the quality of training.

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GOVERNOR BII LEADS HISTORIC HANDOVER OF AMPATH UZIMA ASSETS WORTH KSH 61 MILLION



Uasin Gishu Governor Dr Jonathan Bii presided over the official handing over and transfer of AMPATH Uzima assets worth **KSh 61 million** to the County Government.

The county became the first to roll out the transition process, placing 107 staff under a Government-to-Government (G-to-G) arrangement.

The Governor welcomed the AMPATH Uzima team to the County Headquarters, describing the occasion as the culmination of more than two decades of partnership that has transformed healthcare. He praised the organization for strengthening HIV care, building health workers' capacity, and expanding access to quality services.

Governor Bii assured residents and partners that the county will safeguard the assets and continue investing in the health sector. He reaffirmed his administration's commitment to sustaining quality healthcare and improving service delivery across all communities.

As we formally receive these assets, I wish to assure our distinguished partners and the people of Uasin Gishu that they are being entrusted to an administration that has consistently prioritized investment in the health sector. We remain committed to protecting this legacy and ensuring that our residents continue to receive quality and accessible healthcare services," the Governor said.

Deputy Governor Evans Kapkea thanked AMPATH Uzima for its unwavering support, saying the asset handover reflects the strong partnership that has enhanced healthcare services. He noted that the collaboration has significantly improved residents' well-being over the years.

County Executive for Health, Janet Kurgat, appreciated the AMPATH Uzima team and partners for their continued collaboration. She highlighted the role of the OpenMRS system in improving healthcare delivery and reaffirmed the county's commitment to innovation and quality health services.

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Kurgat also celebrated the county's progress in the registration of the Social Health Authority (SHA), noting that Uasin Gishu is currently ranked 14th nationally. She credited the achievement to the dedication of healthcare workers and strong partnerships.

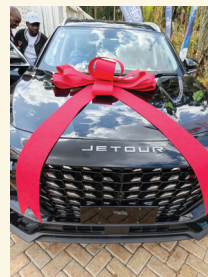
AMPATH Uzima Chief of Party Professor Sylvester Kimaiyo said the handing over of the assets should not be viewed as the end of the partnership but rather as the beginning of a new chapter founded on trust, innovation, shared purpose, and a common vision for healthier communities.



He added that through continued collaboration, AMPATH Uzima and the County Government of Uasin Gishu would strengthen health systems, transform lives, and build a healthier and more resilient future for every resident of the county.

The assets handed over include a digital mini X-ray machine and a 3-in-1,29 desktop computers, which will be distributed to various facilities across the county. The handover also included masks, hand sanitizers, and personal protective equipment (PPE) to support service delivery and strengthen safety measures.

4TH EDITION OF ELDORET INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SUMMIT 2026 IN PICTURES



FOOTBALL TOURNEY OFFERING SH 1 MILLION LAUNCHED IN UASIN GISHU



The County Government of Uasin Gishu has officially launched the Governor's Cup Football Tournament, a competition that seeks to empower youth through identification and nurturing of talents right from the grassroots.

The tourney, which offers **Ksh 1 million** to the winner at the county level, also fundamentally offers a platform for Uasin Gishu youth to monetize their talents and exhibit their abilities.

The tournament, one of the biggest county-sponsored football competitions in the region, is aimed at identifying and nurturing young talent while promoting unity, social cohesion, and economic empowerment through sports.

Speaking during the launch at Naiberi Primary School in Ainabkoi Sub-County, Governor Dr Jonathan Bii said the tournament mirrors his administration's commitment to making sports a viable economic undertaking while assisting the youth to monetize their talents. This is the fifth pillar in Dr Bii's development agenda.

"This program is more than just a tournament. It is a broader plan that gives our young people opportunities to showcase and make money out of their talents.

"And because Uasin Gishu is a cosmopolitan county, this tournament is also a way to strengthen cohesion because sports is the biggest unifying agent known the world over.

The tournament begins at the ward level across all 30 wards before progressing to the sub-county level and culminating in the county's and final championships.

Besides the Ksh 1 million prize for the county champions, winning teams at the sub-county and ward levels will also receive Ksh 500,000 and Ksh 100,000, respectively.



Representatives from the county assembly, led by MCA for Kaptagat, Jonathan Ng'etich, said youth form the biggest portion of the population and that they should be empowered to bring about economic change in their societies. Sports Committee vice chair, Tabitha Wamboi, also echoed the sentiments.

County Executive Committee Member for Youth Affairs and Sports, Robert Kemei, says the tournament has been structured to ensure every ward participates, providing equal opportunities for talented players to be scouted. County Executives Eng Lucy Ng'endo (Education), Sam Kotut (Agriculture), Dr Philip Chebunet (Trade), Loice Murrey (Public Service) were in attendance.

Chief Officer for Sports, CPA Victorine Kapkiai, noted that the initiative complements the county's broader strategy of positioning Uasin Gishu as a leading sports hub while creating opportunities for youth to monetize their talents. The tournament has registered over 600 teams, all eying the penultimate prize of Ksh 1 million. Football stakeholders are primed to closely follow the tourney as they seek to replenish their stables by recruiting new talents from the tournament.



PRIZES

COUNTY LEVEL

1. 1,000,000
2. 750,000
3. 500,000
4. 250,000
5. 150,000
6. 100,000



SUB-COUNTY LEVEL

1. 500,000
2. 250,000
3. 100,000
4. 50,000



WARD LEVEL

1. 100,000
2. 50,000
3. 30,000
4. 20,000



UASIN GISHU HOSTS HISTORIC LAUNCH OF KSH34 BILLION PROGRAMME TO BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Uasin Gishu has once again taken centre stage in Kenya's agricultural transformation after hosting the official launch of the KSh34 billion Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP), a flagship Government of Kenya and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) initiative expected to improve the livelihoods of more than two million people across ten counties.



Held at the University of Eldoret–Chepkoilel Campus under the theme **"Building Resilient Communities,"** the launch marked the beginning of an ambitious eight-year programme aimed at strengthening climate resilience, restoring degraded ecosystems and promoting sustainable agricultural production through strategic investments in natural resource management.

The programme will be implemented in Uasin Gishu, Trans Nzoia, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi, Kericho, Kakamega, Kisumu, Homa Bay and Migori, targeting 407,176 households and benefiting more than 2,035,880 people through interventions designed to improve food security, increase household incomes and promote sustainable management of natural resources.

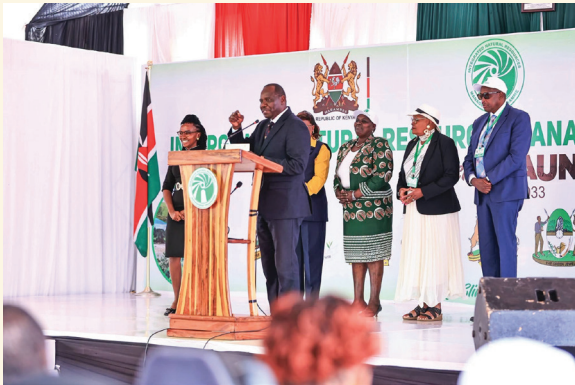
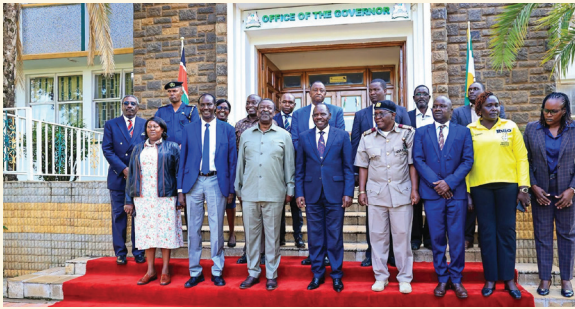
The KSh34 billion programme will support key agricultural value chains, including dairy, poultry, apiculture, horticulture and fruit trees, while promoting climate-smart agriculture, watershed restoration, ecosystem conservation and sustainable land management to build resilient communities.

Speaking during the launch, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi said the

programme reflects the Government's unwavering commitment, under the leadership of President William Samoei Ruto, to transforming rural livelihoods through sustainable agriculture, environmental conservation and strategic investments under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Hon. Mudavadi called on communities in the ten beneficiary counties to take ownership of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme by actively participating in its planning and implementation. [Cont. Pg 7](#)





He said the programme's success will depend on collective responsibility in restoring degraded environments, protecting natural resources and embracing sustainable land use practices to build resilient communities and secure livelihoods for future generations. Mudavadi, who is also the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, further noted that all development efforts can only succeed in an environment of peace, calling on Kenyans to uphold unity and peaceful coexistence as the foundation for sustainable development and shared prosperity.

Governor Dr Jonathan Bii Chelilim reaffirmed Uasin Gishu County's commitment to working closely with the National Government, IFAD and development partners to ensure successful implementation of the programme. He said INReMP will complement the county's ongoing investments in agriculture by empowering farmers, strengthening agricultural value chains and enhancing resilience to climate change.

Principal Secretary to the National Treasury Dr Chris Kiptoo said the Government has committed KSh15.1 billion, while IFAD will contribute KSh18.9 billion, bringing the total investment to KSh34 billion. He called for prudent financial management, accountability and effective implementation to ensure the programme delivers lasting benefits to communities.

OPTIMISM GROWS AS ASPHALT PLANT NEARS COMPLETION

The ongoing construction of an Asphalt Concrete mixing plant in Eldoret City by the Governor Dr Jonathan Bii's administration is now 90 per cent complete.

According to Governor Bii, the plant will play a major role in helping the devolved unit to have more durable roads and reduce the cost of road maintenance.

County Executive Committee Member for Roads, Transport and Public Works Abraham Serem said this step will automatically position Uasin Gishu as a model for benchmarking for neighbouring counties in the larger Western part of Kenya.

He added that it will also boost the economy, enhance agricultural activities, and enable residents to access essential services more easily through an improved road network.



GOVERNOR BII PLEDGES TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING



The County Government of Uasin Gishu has intensified efforts to strengthen cooperative societies through capacity-building programmes aimed at improving governance, boosting economic growth, and creating employment opportunities across the county.

Speaking during a training session for members of more than 40 boda boda Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (SACCOs), Governor H.E Jonathan Bii said empowering cooperative societies with management and governance skills is key to ensuring sustainable economic development.

The Governor noted that well-managed cooperatives have the potential to transform livelihoods, stimulate local economies, and create jobs, particularly among the youth.

“The cooperative movement remains one of the strongest drivers of economic growth. By equipping SACCO leaders and members with the necessary skills, we are laying a firm foundation for wealth creation and improved livelihoods,” he said.



Governor Bii highlighted the county's continued investment in the cooperative sector, revealing that more than KSh700 million has so far been disbursed to various cooperative societies to support enterprise development and enhance financial inclusion.

He further cited his administration's decision to reduce monthly boda boda sticker fees as part of efforts to ease the cost of doing business.

The charges were reduced from **KSh600 to KSh400** within Eldoret City and from **KSh400 to KSh200** in rural areas, a move he said was intended to cushion operators and encourage growth within the sector.

At the same time, the Governor challenged boda boda operators to adhere to traffic regulations and maintain discipline on the roads to enhance

Deputy Governor H.E Evans Kapkea urged members of the sector to continue working closely with the county administration to unlock more opportunities and address challenges affecting their operations.

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County Executive Committee Member for Trade and Cooperatives Dr. Philip Chebunet encouraged SACCO members to embrace investment and take advantage of the County Enterprise Development Fund to expand their businesses.

Dr. Chebunet also emphasized the importance of discipline among boda boda operators, urging them to wear reflective jackets and uphold professionalism while serving the public. Representatives of the Uasin Gishu County Boda Boda Union lauded the county government for harmonizing monthly sticker charges, saying the move has significantly reduced the financial burden on operators.

The union further praised the digitization and automation initiatives introduced by the Department of Cooperatives, saying the reforms have improved efficiency, enhanced service delivery, and strengthened the management of cooperative societies across the county.



NEW POULTRY ABATTOIR COMMISSIONED AS COUNTY CALLS FOR GREATER TRANSPARENCY IN COOPERATIVES

Cooperative societies across Uasin Gishu have been urged to embrace transparency, accountability, and good governance in their management to enhance sustainability and improve members' livelihoods.

Speaking during the official commissioning of the Turmus Poultry Farmers Cooperative Society abattoir at Kimumu Bahati Market, Uasin Gishu Deputy Governor Evans Kapkea said transparency remains a key pillar in building strong and successful cooperative movements.

apkea noted that the facility was established through a partnership between Hand in Hand Eastern Africa and the County Government of Uasin Gishu, aimed at strengthening the poultry value chain and creating economic opportunities for local farmers.

He reaffirmed the county government's commitment to working closely with development partners and organizations that support community-based economic entities, saying such collaborations are critical in empowering farmers and promoting agribusiness.



UASIN GISHU COFFEE STAKEHOLDERS BENCHMARK BEST PRACTICES IN KIAMBU

Uasin Gishu coffee cooperative leaders and farmers gained valuable insights into coffee production, processing, value addition, cooperative governance and marketing during a three-day benchmarking tour of Kiambu County.

The delegation visited some of Kenya's top-performing coffee cooperatives and model farms to learn practical approaches that can help transform the coffee sector in Uasin Gishu.



The tour is part of Governor Dr. Jonathan Bii Chelilim's strategy to revive coffee farming in the county through farmer capacity building, stronger cooperative societies and investment in modern coffee-processing infrastructure. The county also plans to establish coffee bulking stations across all six sub-counties.

The delegation witnessed the significant income potential of coffee farming through a visit to a three-acre coffee farm in Ndumberi, where the farmer earns an estimated KSh 6.75 million in gross sales. The success story demonstrated how well-managed coffee farming can provide sustainable and substantial incomes for farmers.



Led by Principal Coffee Officer Nicholas Maritim, the delegation is visiting successful cooperatives and model farms to gain practical knowledge on cooperative management, stakeholder collaboration, production and marketing.

One of the key stops was Ndumberi Coffee Growers Cooperative Society Ltd, established in 1960 and currently serving more than 2,100 farmers through three coffee factories. Chairman Fred Kinyanjui attributed the cooperative's success to strong leadership, sound governance, continuous farmer training and strict adherence to quality standards.

The delegation also received technical training from Linkage Africa Group, led by Engineer Clement Mutie, on the operation of modern eco-pulpers and coffee-processing systems. The eco-pulpers can process up to four tonnes of coffee per hour while recycling and reusing water, helping to reduce water consumption and processing costs.

Participants further learned about coffee grading, export-market certification and proper post-harvest handling, including the use of raised drying beds to maintain high-quality coffee beans.



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