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Delivering on the Promise



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During the 2022 campaigns, an elderly resident of Karuna Meibeki Ward, Gogo Sarah Mamet, arrived at a campaign rally with a burden on her heart.

When given a chance to speak, her plea was simple but powerful: **“Meche biko beko”** the residents are in dire need of water.

Her words moved the then-aspirant, Hon. Jonathan Bii Chelilim, who assured her and the community that addressing water challenges would be a priority under his leadership.

True to his word, upon election as Governor, Dr. Bii anchored the water agenda in his Nguzo Kumi Plan, committing to deliver clean and reliable water to households across Uasin Gishu.

Two and a half years later, that promise has taken root. Over 150 water projects have been completed countywide, transforming lives. And fittingly, the very woman whose words became a rallying cry Gogo Sarah is now a direct beneficiary.

Today, she draws clean water right from her homestead, a testament to promises made and promises kept.

“We have fulfilled the promise made to Gogo Sarah, and her words meche biko beko continue to inspire our water initiatives across the county. The best part is that from the water point at her home, she is now able to serve nearby schools and residents,” said Governor Jonathan Bii Chelilim.

On her part, Gogo Sarah expressed her gratitude:

“I thank the governor for listening to my pleas. With this water, I can now farm, keep my livestock, and even share with neighbors. Water is life, and I pray that the governor continues serving our people with more fulfilling projects,”

From a simple cry at a campaign rally to a lasting solution that touches hundreds, Gogo Sarah’s story captures the essence of leadership that listens, acts, and delivers.



STIMA MASHINANI: VILLAGES SHINE UNDER GOVERNOR BII'S PLAN

For decades, nightfall meant darkness for many households across Uasin Gishu. Families relied on kerosene lamps, students strained their eyes to study, and villagers walked long distances just to charge a phone.

That is now changing thanks to a **KSh 60 million joint electrification program signed in 2024 between the County Government of Uasin Gishu and the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC).**

Under the matching fund agreement, each side contributed KSh 30 million, unlocking a wave of connectivity that is transforming everyday life in villages.

Already, homes in Kapchemaget (Turbo), Lelmokwo (Kesses), Siliboi/Saito (Ainabkoi), Mobet (Soy), Kabiyet (Moiben), and Koshin (Kapseret) are marking a new chapter of rural empowerment.

For Martha Chebet of Kapchemaget, the difference is like night and day: “We used to dread sunset, but now our homes light up with ease.



“We are working to raise household electricity access from 65% to 95%, ensuring that even the most remote villages enjoy reliable power. Electricity is the energy that drives education, business, and economic growth,” he said.

With Phase 1 successfully rolled out, the county and REREC are already moving forward design works for Phase 2 have commenced, signaling even more homes and villages will soon be connected to the grid.



This is not just electricity, it is dignity and hope.”

Another resident, Joseph Kipsang, recalled how life was before power came to their homes:

“My children studied under smoky kerosene lamps, and I would walk kilometers just to charge my phone. Today, all that struggle is behind us. This is real transformation.”

Governor Jonathan Bii Chelilim said the Stima Mashinani initiative is part of his Nguzo Kumi Plan and a fulfillment of promises made during campaigns.





COUNTY LAYS FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

Uasin Gishu County has laid a firm foundation for economic transformation through the Nguzo Kumi development plan, championed by Governor Jonathan Bii.

In less than three years, his administration has turned residents' priorities into tangible projects that are reshaping livelihoods, stimulating investment, and creating jobs.

From value addition in agriculture to modern infrastructure and improved service delivery, the County is positioning itself as a hub of growth and prosperity for its people through the following projects.

1. Chicken Abattoir: Unlocking Opportunities In Poultry Farming

Under the Nguzo Kumi development plan, Governor Jonathan Bii is steadily turning pledges into reality in less than three years in office. Among the flagship projects is the establishment of a modern chicken abattoir, a direct response to residents' requests for initiatives that add value to local produce and transform livelihoods.

As Eldoret continues to urbanize, the demand for quality and safe food has risen sharply. To meet this need, Governor Bii has spearheaded the construction of a state-of-the-art abattoir in Kichinjio area, now at the brink of completion.

Once operational, the facility will have the capacity to process over 1,000 birds daily, creating jobs, boosting farmer incomes, and ensuring compliance with food safety standards for both local consumption and export markets.

"We are working hard to ensure our poultry farmers have reliable markets where their chicken can be processed and prepared for sale.

This abattoir is part of the Nguzo Kumi plan that I promised the people of Uasin Gishu," said Governor Jonathan Bii.

The residents are optimistic. They believe the project will open up opportunities for poultry farmers and strengthen the supply of quality white meat in Eldoret, a city that has seen an influx of new hotel chains and restaurants.

"Many people now prefer white meat over red, as advised by health experts. This abattoir will not only guarantee safe, high-quality chicken but also shut down unscrupulous traders who have taken advantage of the rising demand," remarked Ali Abdi, a resident.





2. Coffee Milling Plant: A Game Changer in Diversification



As part of the county's diversification drive, a modern coffee milling plant is under construction at Cheramei Centre in Turbo Sub County.

This flagship project, championed by Governor Jonathan Bii, at a cost of Ksh 95 million is designed to add value to coffee production while opening up new markets for local farmers.

In less than three years, Uasin Gishu has seen a steady rise in the number of farmers embracing coffee, driven by the county's deliberate push for diversification beyond traditional maize farming. The new plant, once complete, will be a game changer, enabling farmers to process, package, and market their coffee competitively in both local and international markets.

"This is part of our one-million coffee seedlings drive. Step by step, our county is carving its place among the major players in the coffee industry. We are championing diversification because it guarantees more benefits for our farmers," said Governor Jonathan Bii.



Last year alone, the county distributed 383,000 coffee seedlings to farmers as part of its plan to expand acreage under coffee in the agriculturally rich county. Governor Bii has urged farmers to diversify:

"We want our farmers to become millionaires. Coffee now ranks second in global trade after oil. You can keep your maize, but also plant coffee on part of your farm it will secure your future."

The county has made plans to involve the youth in setting up coffee nurseries, creating employment while ensuring farmers have access to quality seedlings.

Local farmers are excited about the new venture. "With an international airport nearby, and the milling plant in place, Uasin Gishu will be best positioned to tap into both local and export markets," noted James Sawe, a coffee farmer from Turbo.





3. County Aggregation and Industrial Park: Powering Agro-Industrial Growth

Uasin Gishu County is setting the stage for agro-industrial transformation with the construction of a modern County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP) at Moiben. This flagship project is designed to position the county as a leading hub for agro-processing, value addition, and trade.

The park will provide a central point where farmers can aggregate, process, package, and market their produce competitively. By linking agriculture to industry, the CAIP will reduce post-harvest losses, boost farmer incomes, and create thousands of direct and indirect jobs.

“Our farmers are hardworking, but for too long they have been selling raw produce at little profit. This park will change that story it is about giving value to our sweat. Through CAIP, Uasin Gishu will lead in agro-industrial growth and open markets beyond our borders,” said Governor Jonathan Bii.

The facility is being developed in partnership with the national government, making it a model project that aligns with Kenya’s Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Last year, the county laid the groundwork by supporting farmers with inputs, extension services, and aggregation centres at the ward level.



The CAIP will serve as the anchor to connect these efforts to both domestic and international markets.

“With our strategic location and the Eldoret International Airport, this park will unlock export opportunities for farmers and industries alike,” noted Sarah Chepkemai, a wheat farmer from Moiben.



4. Paving The Future With Modern Roads

A new dream is steadily taking shape in Uasin Gishu, firmly anchored on Nguzo Kumi and championed as one of the County's flagship projects. For years, many regions have depended on murram to make their roads passable, but the tide is now turning.

In a bold step towards modern infrastructure, the County Government has invested in state-of-the-art road construction equipment worth Ksh 100 million. This milestone marks the beginning of a historic shift moving our road network from the traditional murram surface to durable bitumen standards.

Beyond the upcoming asphalt plant, the County has also intensified ongoing works through murraming, grading, and dozing, with more than 2,000 kilometers of roads already improved.

At the same time, over 30 new bridges are under construction, opening up vital connections and linking communities that were previously cut off during rainy seasons.



Governor Jonathan Bii is keen on this transformation, underscoring the central role of reliable infrastructure in unlocking opportunities for trade, agriculture, education, and healthcare.

With these investments, the County is enhancing accessibility and also setting the pace for a modern, and connected, Uasin Gishu.





5. Animal Feeds Plant: A Game Changer For Our Farmers

Another flagship project under Nguzo Kumi is taking root in Kesses Sub-County the establishment of a modern Animal Feeds Plant that will provide farmers with access to affordable and high-quality feeds.

The plant, with a production capacity of 2,000 metric tonnes, is designed to spur agro-processing by turning the by-products of crop rotation into nutritious feeds. This innovation is set to revolutionize dairy and maize production by lowering feed costs, boosting milk yields, and creating a reliable market for farmers.

The County Government has already set aside Ksh 35 million for its establishment, and construction is currently ongoing. Once complete, the facility will support farmers but also create jobs for our youth, strengthen the dairy value chain, and secure Uasin Gishu's place as a leading agricultural hub.



6. Agro-Processing Plant: Transforming Agriculture For Local and Export Markets

As part of his 30-year visionary blueprint, Governor Jonathan Bii has prioritized the establishment of agricultural transformation centers to unlock the full potential of farming in Uasin Gishu.

One of the flagship projects under Nguzo Kumi is the modern Agro-Processing Plant in Ainabkoi, designed to serve both local and international markets.

The facility comprises a pack house with grading lines, a cold room, and potato processing equipment, enabling farmers to sort, package, and add value to their produce.

Its location in Ainabkoi is strategic, given the region's strength in potato farming and its favorable agricultural environment.

Beyond potatoes, the plant will open opportunities for farmers producing French beans, karela, dudhi, broccoli, avocados, lettuce, snow peas, and baby corn high-value crops with growing demand in export markets.

By creating a reliable space for processing and packaging, the project ensures farmers can access premium markets, both locally and abroad.

The plant is a fulfillment of the Governor's Nguzo Kumi promise, achieved in less than three years in office. Once complete, it will create employment for youth, secure markets for farmers, and elevate Uasin Gishu's position as a hub of agro-processing and export trade.

"We are grateful for this project under the leadership of Governor Jonathan Bii. As potato farmers, we now envision our crops finding their way to the international market, especially with the Governor's clear vision for agriculture," said John Chepyego, a farmer from Ainabkoi.





7. The Modern Market Takes Shape In Eldoret City

Two years ago, during a visit by President William Ruto to Uasin Gishu, Governor Jonathan Bii made a passionate appeal that has since become a fulfilled promise.

Standing before the Head of State, the Governor requested support for the establishment of a state-of-the-art modern market at the heart of Eldoret City, one that would give traders the dignity of space and a conducive environment to do business.

At the time, the existing market was too small and overcrowded, with traders struggling to operate in congested conditions. The Governor's request struck a chord, receiving a resounding affirmation from President Ruto, who pledged to work closely with the county to make the dream a reality.



Today, that vision is taking shape. Following a groundbreaking ceremony led by President Ruto and witnessed by Governor Bii, construction works are progressing in earnest at the site.

Upon completion, the multi-storey modern market will be a game changer for the trading community. With a capacity to host over 7,000 traders at once, the market will feature modern amenities including washrooms, a grocery section, a play area for children, a lactation rooms, and cold storage facilities.





8. County Diagnostic Centre: A Model Facility At The Heart Of Eldoret

Healthcare in Uasin Gishu is entering a new era as the construction of a modern County Diagnostic Centre takes shape at the heart of Eldoret City.

This state-of-the-art facility will offer a wide range of advanced services including MRI and CT scans, ultrasound, screening, dialysis, and specialized laboratories ensuring residents receive timely and accurate diagnosis within the county, without the burden of costly referrals elsewhere.

The Diagnostic Centre is a bold statement of Governor Jonathan Bii's commitment to placing healthcare at the very top and heart of his agenda. In just two years, his leadership has brought renewed energy and focus to a sector that directly touches every family.

Across the county, Governor Bii has spearheaded transformative health projects, including the upgrading and expansion of Kesses Level Four Hospital and the revival of long-stalled projects at Tiret and Ziwa Hospitals, whose construction had been silent for more than a decade.



Today, these facilities are springing back to life, promising specialized care closer to the people.

Equally significant has been the Governor's emphasis on timely and consistent distribution of medicine to all 138 county health facilities, eliminating the shortages that had once frustrated patients and health workers alike.

"Now, with this facility coming up in Eldoret, we feel seen and valued. It will change how we access healthcare," said Mary Jepkemboi, a resident of Kapseret.

Taken together, these strides underscore a clear vision: to build a robust, accessible, and modern healthcare system that gives dignity to every resident of Uasin Gishu.

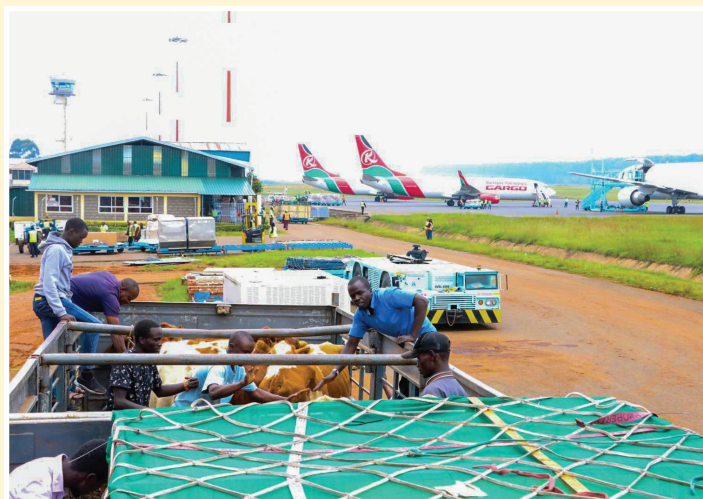
With the Diagnostic Centre as the flagship, the county is positioning itself as a model in healthcare delivery.





9. Eldoret: Where Investment Meets Opportunity

A quiet revolution is unfolding in Uasin Gishu, reshaping Eldoret into a natural magnet for trade and investment. At the heart of this shift is the Export Processing Zone (EPZ), now coming to life just minutes away from Eldoret International Airport.



The promise of the EPZ is simple yet powerful to give local producers a direct route to international markets. That promise is already being realized.

Recently, farmers from the county celebrated a historic milestone with the successful export of 50 pedigree heifers to Nigeria, commanding premium prices and proving that Uasin Gishu products can compete on the world stage.

Governor Jonathan Bii's vision is clear: create an environment where investors and farmers alike can thrive.

"Our mission is to make Eldoret the first choice for investors. We have the land, favourable climate, the workforce, and, most importantly, a leadership that is pro-business," the Governor said.

Momentum continues to build. Just seven months ago, discussions with Kenya Airways paved the way for the return of cargo flights from Eldoret International Airport, a move that reopens global supply chains for the region.

Looking forward, the EPZ upon completion is expected to unlock thousands of jobs, expand export opportunities, and strengthen county revenues, ensuring that the people of Uasin Gishu directly benefit from global trade.





10. Investing In Youth: Uasin Gishu's Future Leaders

In Uasin Gishu, young people are at the heart of Governor Jonathan Bii's development agenda. His administration is deliberately opening doors for youth to gain skills, access opportunities, and take their rightful place as drivers of the county's future.

A cornerstone of this plan is the **rollout of internship** opportunities across county departments. These placements will expose young graduates to real workplace environments, sharpening their skills and preparing them for the job market.



To complement this, the **Fanikisha Hustle programme** is being championed to equip youth entrepreneurs with mentorship, seed support, and linkages that help transform ideas into thriving businesses.

In Racecourse, the county is currently constructing a modern multi-purpose youth hall, a facility designed to be a creative hub where young people can nurture talents, brainstorm on business ideas, host events, and collaborate on innovative projects.



Governor Bii has also reinforced inclusivity in county procurement, ensuring that at least 30% of opportunities are reserved for youth, women, and persons with disabilities.

This policy means young contractors and suppliers can directly benefit from government projects, building both capacity and confidence.

11. From Milk to Modern Classrooms: A New Dawn For Uasin Gishu Learners"

Governor Jonathan Bii's leadership has ushered in a new chapter for education in Uasin Gishu, where learners, teachers, and communities are experiencing tangible transformation.

Today, over 40,000 school children are benefitting from the School Milk Programme, receiving nutritious milk every Tuesday and Thursday.

This initiative has improved both health and class attendance, with teachers reporting higher retention rates and more enthusiastic learners.



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At the same time, the county is investing in the future through the construction of more than 90 modern ECDE classrooms across all wards. These new facilities, equipped with age-appropriate learning materials, are giving young learners a solid start in life while easing pressure on existing school infrastructure.

Equally transformative has been the Governor's bold step to place 1,374 ECDE teachers on permanent and pensionable terms. For many, this has been life-changing.

"We were once a laughing stock in the village, but today, the Governor has given us dignity and respect," added Samson Kurgat, an ECDE teacher.

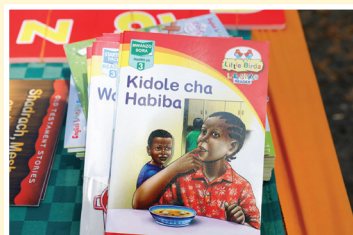
The move has motivated the teachers who are currently working hard to impart knowledge on the learners.

"I now earn over Ksh 50,000 after being absorbed on permanent terms. My family's life has changed, and I am forever grateful," said Mary Murugi, an ECDE teacher.

Governor Bii underscores that this is a promise fulfilled and that education remains a critical step in his administration.

"I listened to their pleas before I was elected, and I vowed to uplift them. It is heartwarming to see our teachers happy, motivated, and respected, because they are the foundation of our society. We will continue placing more of them on permanent terms." He said.

Beyond classrooms and milk, the county has also expanded water distribution to schools, ensuring children learn in safe and supportive environments.

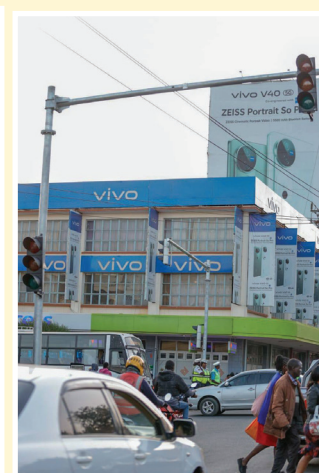




Hail the City of Eldoret: A Year of Order, Light, and Transformation

A year after its elevation to city status, Eldoret is fast shedding its old skin and embracing the future. What began as simple flashes of red, green, and amber has now become a rhythm of order in the streets.

Today, traffic lights stand tall across the city, commanding respect from motorists, boda boda riders, tractors ferrying produce, and pedestrians alike. For the first time, Eldoret now second only to Nairobi has fully operational traffic lights, restoring calm where chaos once reigned.



Governor Jonathan Bii calls it just the beginning. “The traffic lights have become a game changer. There is order, and accidents on our highways have reduced,” he said.

But the vision stretches further. On the Governor’s agenda are the installation of CCTV cameras across the city and solar-powered street lighting for urban centres.

Just last week, the county conducted public participation forums in all wards on a 15-year Eldoret City Solar-Powered Street Lighting Project, a bold USD 23 million Public-Private Partnership initiative. **The project includes a 3MWp solar power generation plant with 10MWh storage capacity, a 200-kilometre underground distribution network fitted with fibre optic cabling for high-speed connectivity, and over 20,000 adaptive LED streetlights integrated with CCTV surveillance. With smart controls for remote monitoring, adaptive lighting, and predictive maintenance, Eldoret is setting the pace for modern African cities.**

Governor Bii, linking the project to Nguzo Number 7 of his development pillars, affirmed that he is keen on transforming the way of life for his people.



“Through PPPs, we will deliver modern infrastructure, safer streets, and a brighter tomorrow. With projects like this, we are lighting up our streets, our homes, and our future.”

Residents have welcomed the initiative with enthusiasm. “We are in support of this project because we want to benefit from it,” said Mary Sang of Kipkenyo.

Another resident, John Njoroge, added: “This project will provide security and open opportunities for our city, estates and villages we are grateful to the county led by the governor for this vision.”

From traffic order to smart solar streets, Eldoret a city on the move, powered by vision, innovation, and the will of its people.

