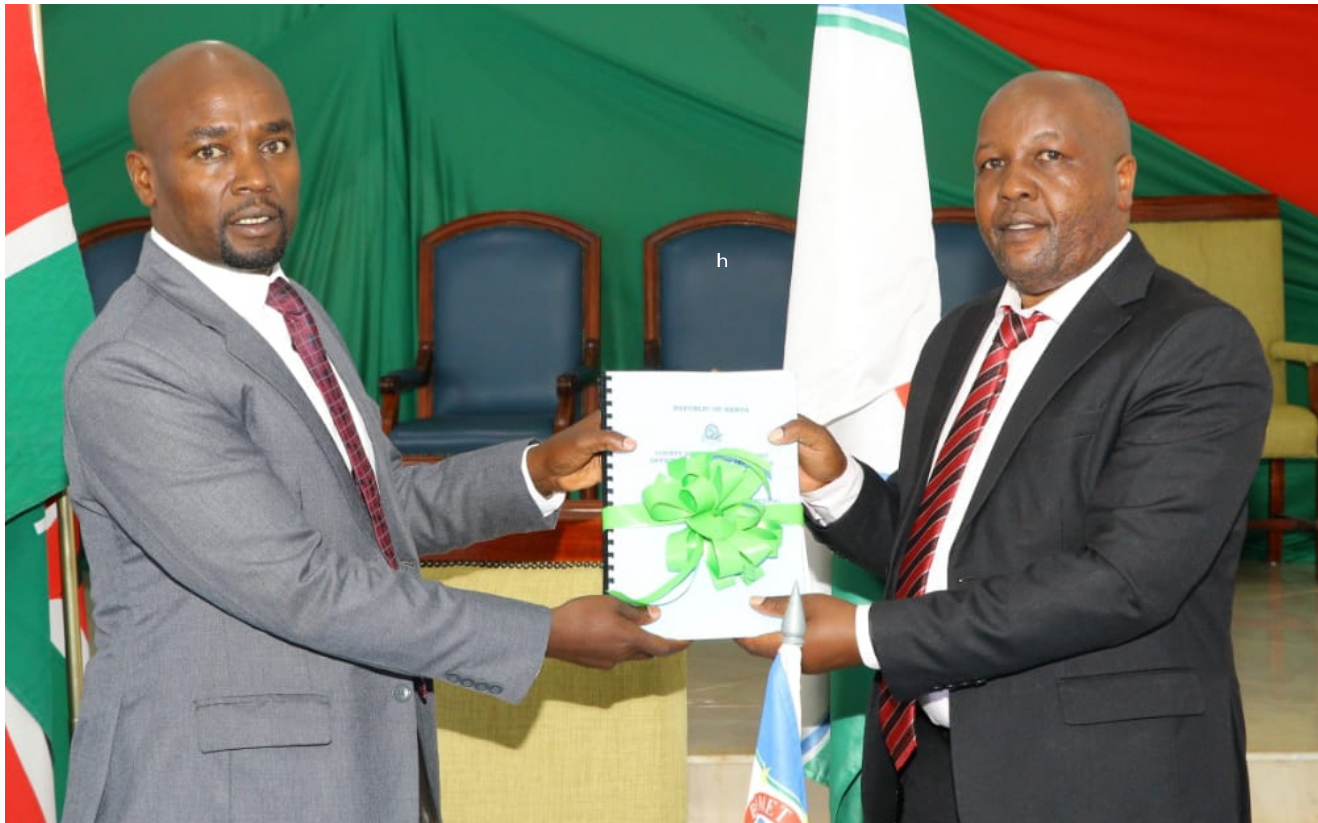


## CECs, Chief Officers and Directors sign Performance Contracts



*Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok (left) and County Secretary Simon Lang'at (right) display a copy of Performance contract during the signing of the document at the county headquarters.*

**By Kipronoh Kitur**

Bomet County Executive Committees (CECs) have signed performance contracts that spell out the targets they have set out to achieve in their respective departments, this financial year.

Speaking while presiding over the ceremony, Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok told his cabinet that they must work as a unit to deliver on the promises he made to the

people in his manifesto.

"Performance contracting in the public service is a key accountability framework in our endeavour to improve service delivery for our people. Every public servant in Bomet county must roll up their sleeves and ensure that they meet the targets they have set for themselves and their departments by the end of the financial year," Prof. Barchok said.

The governor also used the opportunity to

warn public servants in his administration that any form of corruption will not be tolerated, adding that anyone involved in misappropriation of public funds will be prosecuted.

Prof. Barchok also stressed the need for the CECs, Chief Officers and other senior officers to embrace teamwork as they discharge their mandates.

"But even as we set out to work on the commitments we have made as individuals

and departments, we must all remember our collective responsibility as a county government of Bomet. We have a contract with wananchi and that must be achieved at all costs", said the governor.

"The governor also assured the CECs of his total support as they run their respective departments, reminding them that their favourable outcome was the success of the great people of Bomet.

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## Bomet, KRCS partner to improve basic health services



By Kipronoh Kitur

The County government of Bomet has partnered with the Kenya Red Cross society in implementing a number of projects in health, environment and other sectors across the county. In line with the national government's policy of promoting primary health care, the partnership majorly focuses on

prevention and early detection of diseases among the population. According to Bomet Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok, the two partners are working closely to train Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) in Sotik and Chepalungu sub counties on how to respond to pandemics and endemics in their local communities. Going forward, there are plans to upscale this program to cover Bomet East,

Konoin and Bomet Central Sub counties. The governor was speaking when he hosted a delegation of senior officers from the International Federation of Red Cross, Red Crescent, Kenya Red Cross and USAID who paid a courtesy call to his office before embarking on their field visits, a few weeks ago.

## Conductive learning as Bomet equips ECDE centres



ECDE centres have been fully equipped with furniture and plans are underway to ensure that other 50 ECDEs are equipped this financial year.

Two Vocational Training Centers from each Sub County have been tasked with the production of ECDE furniture. The move is aimed at ensuring students put their technical skills into practice as well as generating income for their institution.

The county Government of Bomet through the directorate/ department of Education played host to their counterparts from Nandi County led by CECM in charge of Education and Vocational Training Scolastica Tuei Ruto, last month, who toured Siwot Vocational Centre to benchmark on the concept of furniture production for their ECDEs, tailoring and agribusiness.

By Haron Kipkirui

The county government of Bomet has put in place measures to ensure learning environment in all ECDEs across the county is conducive for all learners. According to the CECM in charge of education Agnes Ngeno, more than 50





# Bomet allocates Sh. 141,000,000 towards bursary programme



By Haron Kipkirui

Education is an important aspect of every child's development. It is a platform to bridge the widening gap and the rising inequality between the rich and the poor in the Society.

The continuously rising cost of education and living standards has made it difficult for families to take their bright students to schools of their choice.

In this regard, the County Government of Bomet has come in handy by putting in place measures to ensure bright, needy and deserving students access education by providing them with bursaries as well as full and partial scholarships.

This Financial year Sh.141,000,000 million has been set aside in the budget towards full and partial scholarships as well as bursaries for bright and needy secondary school students pursuing their education dreams. Chepchas Ward has so far received disbursement of Ksh. 5M affirmative action fund impacting 1739 students both in secondary schools and middle level colleges. Speaking at Chepchas Ward during the disbursement of the funds, Bomet Governor Prof Hillary Barchok expressed his administration's commitment towards supporting the education sector, adding that education is a basic right of every child.

To expand this vision of promoting education for all, the county Government of Bomet is in the process of increasing more allocation of funds to the kitty so as to address the surging number of deserving students across the County joining secondary schools and colleges.

Currently, the County Government of Bomet is sponsoring a total of 1235 students under full scholarship, over 6000 students under partial Scholarship and 1278 students under Affirmative Action Fund program. Over 1200 students have also benefited from the County Helb Loan since its inception in 2014.

The department of education has also allocated Ksh. 25,000,000 for Vocational Training Centers within Bomet County. This allocation will go a long way in cushioning bright and needy students within the 33 Vocational Training Centers in the County. The county government of Bomet has put in place measures to ensure learning environment in all ECDEs across the county is conducive for all learners.

According to the CECM in charge of Education and Vocational Training Centres Agnes Ngeno, more than 50 ecdes have been fully equipped with furniture and plans are underway to ensure that other 50 ended ecdes are equipped this financial year.

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# Farmers enumeration exercise kicks off across the county

By Kipronoh Kitur

The county department of Agriculture in partnership with the ministry of Agriculture, has rolled out a mapping exercise that seeks to register all farmers and their specific agricultural activities they undertake in their farms. The exercise is in line with Kenya Kwanza administration's policy that seeks to support farmers to improve their agricultural productivity. The collected data will inform the government's policy formulation and the interventions it needs to put in place to ensure that the country is food secure and as a means of poverty alleviation. Speaking while flagging off the exercise, Bomet Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok lauded the national government for the initiative, adding that the only way out for Kenya in terms of food security is by subsidizing production. "We applaud the Kenya Kwanza government for its commitment to support every farmer across the country," the Governor said. Adding, "As a county government, we shall work very closely with the ministry of Agriculture to ensure that the farmer gets the technical and material assistance they need to maximize their farm produce", Over 366 enumerators have been dispatched across all the 25 wards of the county and will be expected to conclude the exercise over the next 35 days. Farmers have been urged to welcome the enumerators to their homes and volunteer the necessary information regarding their farming activities and ignore conspiracy theories/rumours being peddled that the exercise is aimed at introducing new taxes on farming. The enumerators will be accompanied by the national government administration officers such as chiefs, assistant



chiefs and village elders. The Governor also urged farmers to take advantage of the government's fertilizer subsidy program by ensuring they register themselves in time. There are elaborate plans to have the county governments

distribute fertilizers to the grassroots to cut on time and expenses incurred by farmers who have to travel all the way to the NCPB's stores in Bomet, Ndanai and Sotik towns

## Over 250 newly recruited county staff undergo induction



By Enock Lang'at

More than 250 newly recruited county staff successfully held their two-day induction seminar at the Willis Hotel, Bomet, on the

31st of August and 1st of September. The induction is an important post-recruitment exercise that brings the new employees up to speed on what is expected of them in terms of productivity, code of

conduct, ethics and work place general expectations. The seminar was officially opened by the Bomet County Public Service Board Chairman, Eng. Alexander Ngeno.

The new staff were reminded that the recruitment exercise was based on merit and the onus is on them to prove through service delivery that indeed they deserved the jobs.

"We received a lot of applications for these positions and we chose the most qualified lot from the pool of applicants, we therefore expect you to serve the people of Bomet with dedication, sacrifice and utmost humility," Mr. Ngeno told the inductees.

Several other speakers took the inductees through public service related topics such as pension schemes, office hierarchy and county staff structure, staff welfare among other significant issues.

Governor Prof Hillary Barchok brought the induction to a close on day two of the seminar, taking the opportunity to welcome the new staff to Bomet County Public Service.

"It has been my agenda throughout my tenure to rationalize our work force by giving room to competitive recruitment by the Public Service Board. Through this, we are able to get the best and most qualified talents to serve in the available positions," Prof Barchok told the inductees.

The Governor challenged the new staff to focus on serving the people of Bomet through hard work and positive mindset. As devolution turns ten, several job opportunities have been witnessed across the rural Kenya, with county governments taking the lead, giving many youths and professionals job opportunities. This, has come as a big relief as high unemployment rates in the formal sector continue to bite.



# Taking stock; ten years of Devolution in Bomet



By Joy Terer

The 8th Devolution Conference officially opened by H.E President William Samoei Ruto in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County brought together various stakeholders including National and County Governments, private sector, academia, civil societies, development partners, devolution enthusiasts and over 10,000 local and international delegates. In its exhibition stand, Bomet County showcased its agricultural products particularly in the area of value addition,

proving its potential in being one of Kenya's food baskets.

Bomet Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok was delighted with what the county's stand at the conference exhibited.

"We aptly portrayed the potential our county has especially in the area of value addition of our agricultural produce".

In Health, Bomet is a pioneer County in the implementation of the 'Teladoc' system, which allows patients to consult with doctors remotely. This has greatly improved access to healthcare services in the county. In addition,

the county has achieved a high level of availability of essential medicines, thanks to its well-stocked pharmacies and health facilities.

The county has also made a significant investment in its healthcare workforce, with the employment of medical professionals.

The education sector in Bomet County has seen tremendous progress in recent years. Enrollment and retention rates have increased significantly in ECDE centres. This has been made possible through the school milk initiative and the employment of more

teachers.

In addition, the county has focused on expanding access to early childhood development (ECD) programs, laying the foundation for a well-educated population in the future.

The 4 day biennial conference highlighted the achievements of the past 10 years of devolution and the opportunities for the future

## Bomet unveils new enforcement officers' uniforms

By Moloti Dominic

Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok presided over the distribution of new uniforms for the Bomet County security officers on August 3, 2023.

The fete was a celebration of the vital role played by the county enforcement officers who form an integral part of the administration offering critical services like revenue collection and enforcement.

Prof. Barchok emphasized the importance of ensuring the welfare of the officers, including providing them with proper

uniforms and a safe and conducive work environment.

The new uniforms, which were unveiled at a ceremony held at the county headquarters, are part of a larger effort to improve the image of the county enforcement unit.





## Bomet, NHIF sign MoU for Comprehensive medical cover



By Kipyegon Chirchir

Bomet has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) to provide comprehensive health coverage to its employees.

Governor Prof Hillary Barchok, when he presided over the launch of the agreement, said his administration is keen to ensure all staff welfare including medical cover is well catered for.

"The agreement we have signed with NHIF will enable all our county staff access medical services at any public health facility without incurring any additional cost," Governor Barchok pointed out.

Adding, "right from dispensary to the County Referral at Longisa you will not be asked to pay any additional fee from what NHIF has covered.

Initially the staff were under the national scheme where they had to cough additional out-of-the-pocket payment whenever they were seeking medical services.

The county staff are now able to access comprehensive services in the country and also outside the country in any hospital. According to the new agreement, NHIF can also cater for treatment of chronic diseases in any hospital for the county staff.

## Inaugural Bomet Digital Conference kicks off

By Aron Cheruiyot

Digital conference that kicked off at Bomet green stadium gave a platform to the youth an opportunity to showcase their talent in ICT and related aspects on tech and in building their future in technology related life.

The event was launched by Governor Prof Hilary Barchok together with PS ICT Eng. John Tonui, Aurelia Rono PS Parliamentary affairs and Nation Media Group representative Mr Kenneth Oyalo among-st many other dignitaries.

Mulot having been considered as home of mobile money scammers, the conference gave a platform for the participants to tell their story in a positive way, this gave a sense of importance of setting up Kenya biggest software factory that worth 100B by the ministry of ICT, in Mulot, to enable the youths to showcase their innovation.

"Going forward, we will make the #twendeMulot an annual event to enable our youths to showcase their talents in technology and innovation" Prof Barchok "We will be having youth conference in December and digital innovation will also be part of discussion" added prof Barchok. "We will be ready at all time to extend our support and necessary tools in supporting and shaping the future of our youth. We as Nation Media Group will provide the platform for our youths" said Mr Oyalo.

The event brought together more than 300 participants from diverse community and regions who showcase their prowess in ICT and the winner was awarded 100k and other runners up were awarded differently. The NMG will consider the winners and other participants in mentorship during



other conference. During the closure of the conference members of the public applauded the administration of Prof Hillary Barchok and urge the county government to also give

consideration in having more of the events. speaking on the same event Mr Stephen Gitagama emphasizes that winners will be considered by the National government on mentorship and sponsorship in order to

sharpen their skills, he further challenge the youths on innovation and using the social media platforms on doing their agricultural products and farm produce in that it will create an enabling market for them.



# Integrity: EACC Corruption Risk Assessment Report



By Yvonne Chemutai

Bomet has received its Corruption Risk Assessment Report from Ethics and Anti-

Corruption Commission. (EACC) to review and conduct assessment of systems, procedures, policies and practices of Bomet County.

This assessment report will guide the county executive and the County Assembly streamline operations and enhance efficiency in service delivery to the residents of the

County.

The report entails financial management, valuation role, supply chain management, physical planning, project management, budget management, service charter, Information communication and technology as well as human resources.

While receiving the report, Deputy Governor Shadrack Rotich said the report once sanctioned it will be implemented to the latter. He added that the report will provide a direction to the county government to ensure that resources are utilized effectively.

Director of Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, Preventive Services, Mr. Vincent Okong'o said that corruption prevention is very important in governance and administration.

County Assembly Clerk, Isaac Kitur said "we do acknowledge that it is important to remind ourselves the risks we encounter in the course of transactions."

Adding, "as the Assembly we acknowledge that the Corruption Risk Assessment will go a long way in improving the Assembly's system and enable us to deliver services to the residents of Bomet."

He also appreciated the key role EACC plays in promoting and upholding ethical practices in public sector.

## Sotik town conducts public participation



By Kipyegon Chirchir

Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok addressing the residents of Sotik town during a public participation meeting to collect the views of the residents on the establishment of the industrial part in the town. The industrial park will be co-funded between the county government of Bomet

and the National Government to a tune of Sh. 500 million. Governor Barchok put on notice individuals who have encroached in the Public Interest lands across the county that his administration is following on them to reposes back the land to the county government.

## Taskforce Report: Status of Development in Bomet County



By Kipyegon Chirchir

Governor Prof Hillary Barchok (right) receives the taskforce report on the Status of Development in Bomet County from the taskforce chairperson Bishop Augustine Rugut (left). While receiving the report noted that the document highlights critical analysis of

development plans and implementation in the last 10 years.