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## The acquisition of roads construction equipment

Governor  
Prof. Hillary  
Barchok (left)  
Commissioning  
equipment

**By Yvonne Chemutai**

The county government of Bomet has commissioned a multi-million road construction and maintenance equipment. The equipment which comprises of a vibrator drum

roller with detachable sheet foot, prime mover, a skip loader and a low bed and five tippers, crawler excavators, motor graders respectively, were bought to facilitate construction of roads and infrastructure with an aim of

reducing the cost of hiring equipment from other sources. Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok, while commissioning the equipment, said it will improve roads connectivity and assured the residents of Bomet that there will be more

roads development witnessed across the county going forward. “We are now in a position to expand our road network with ease due to availability of these construction equipment,” Prof Barchok said.

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**You manage things;  
you lead people.**  
—  
**Rear Admiral Grace  
Murray Hopper**  
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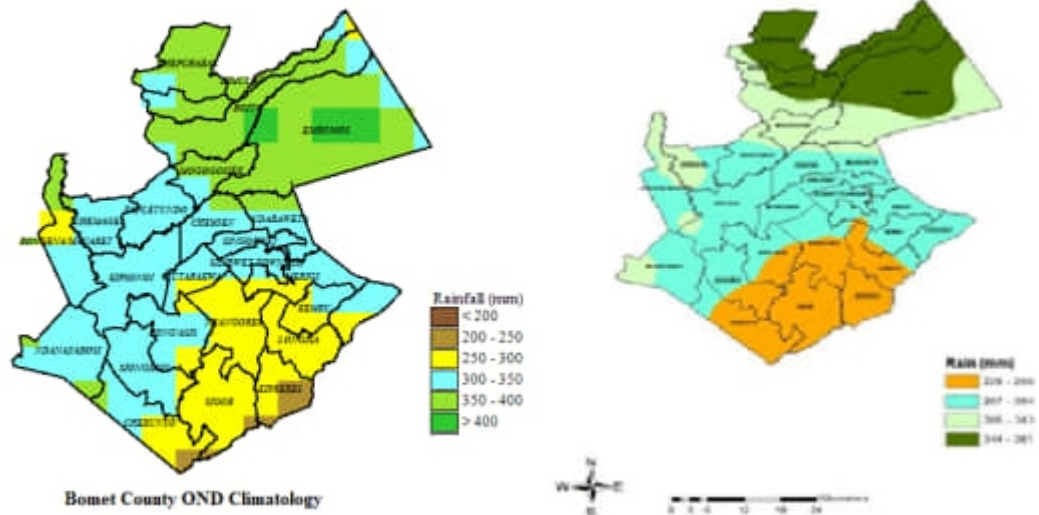
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# Bomet sets up command centre in preparation for El-nino



**Joan Chepkoech**

Bomet county through the department of Disaster Management has developed a contingency plan to aid in emergency response upon the onset of El-nino rains expected to pour down beginning mid-October to December this year. Among the emergencies identified in the five sub counties include

flooding, landslides, lightning strikes, as well as falling quarries. Through the department, the county government has rolled out mass education on Elnino preparedness to ensure safety of its residents. The county has also set up a command centre to coordinate emergency response during the season. “We have mobilized a team of

emergency response personnel including clinical officers and nurses, purchased food and non-food stuffs as well as other volunteers to help us when need arise during the rainy season.” Chief Officer Devolution and Special Programmes Eric Cheruiyot said. On the other hand, the government has urged the residents to utilize the rains for agricultural purposes.

## Bomet, Judiciary to set up courts in sub-counties



**By Joan Chepkoech**

Bomet, in partnership with Judiciary, will facilitate the establishment of courts across the five sub-counties as well as setting up of Small Claims Court in the county in a bid to ease access to court services by the residents. Governor Prof Hillary Barchok, while hosting the Judicial Service

Commissioners at the county headquarters, said his administration will provide land for the construction of courts in Bomet East, Chepalungu and Konoin Sub Counties. Sotik and Bomet Central already have courts constructed in Bomet and Sotik towns respectively. “We have also explored, at length, the proposal to devolve judicial services by having mobile courts

across the five sub counties in Bomet to enhance the conclusion of court cases and ensure that justice is served in the shortest time possible.” Governor Barchok noted. The Commissioners led by Chairperson Evalyne Olwande acknowledged the county's efforts to promote Alternative Justice System to settle primary cases through the establishment of strong village councils, noting that Bomet is the only county with strong village councils spread across the county. ‘Additionally, we have also deliberated on the need to have land succession cases reviewed and, as an administration, we offer to offer legal services to help on that’, said the governor. In attendance were JSC Commissioners Isaac Ruto and Jacqueline Inguia, Chief Registrar of the Judiciary Anne Amadi, Bomet High Court Judge Lady Justice Roseline Korir Deputy Governor Davis Shadrach Rotich, Bomet Senator Wakili Hillary Sigey, County Assembly Speaker Cosmas Korir and a host of MCAs.



# To cut down cost of roads construction



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The Governor added his administration is committed to utilize the equipment to attain the value for money to the Bomet residents. He also added that the equipment will be distributed across the five sub-counties. Kericho Governor Dr. Erick Mutai said the equipment will not only benefit the residents of Bomet but also across the border to Kericho in roads construction and maintenance.

"The relationship between our counties, Bomet and Kericho, should be maintained to enable us utilize the equipment towards developing our counties." Dr Mutai added Victor Koech, Chepalungu Mp, stated that the national government and the county government will work hand in hand to ensure road network connectivity across the county. "My office will compliment what the county government is doing in roads construction and maintenance in my constituency," Koech said. Adding, "At some point I will provide quarry and the county to give us the machinery."

He also assured the governor that he is going to be at the fore front championing for resources to be channeled to Bomet county to enhance more development.

Bomet Woman Representative Linet Chepkorir assured the people of Bomet that they will work together with the county government towards developing our great county as well as champion for more development projects in all the Bomet sub-counties.

He urged the leaders to support the governor in development of County projects like expansion of roads and other infrastructure now that they have equipment.

Bomet CEC for roads, transport and public works Mr. Erick Ng'etich affirmed that the procurement process was duly followed in acquisition of the machinery and called for due diligence in utilizing the equipment to achieve value for money.

Among the leaders who graced the occasion include Deputy Governors Tamalinye Koech (Narok) and David Shadrack Rotich (Bomet), Johana Ngeno Ngong (Mp Emurua Dikir) as well as a host of Members of County assemblies of Narok, Kericho and Bomet. Elsewhere, Governor Barchok, utilizing the newly acquired machinery, launched the construction of Arap Chepkwony- Kabaisio Primary road, Kaura Kona- Beria- Koruma road and Kapkelei- Sachangwan- Kamakitui- Kapsasian road in Chepchabas and Kipsonoi wards respectively.



# Bomet, Amref sign MOU to promote primary healthcare



**By Fancy Chepkirui and Faith Chepwogen**

The county government of Bomet has signed an MOU with Amref with a view to promoting primary healthcare. The two institutions will partner in enhancing vaccination and nutrition programmes across the county.

Addressing the press at his office after signing the MOU, Governor Prof. Hillary Barchok expressed his commitment to ensure that the MOU is implemented to the latter, for the greater good of the people of Bomet.

"We have benefited a lot from our engagement with the Amref and it is our hope that this good working

relationship between us will be strengthened to open up more opportunities to benefit our people, going forward". said the governor.

Amref country director Dr. Ndirangu noted that primary health care is a big stride towards the government's policy of providing Universal Health Coverage to all.

He added that Amref will support any effort by the county government to ensure that the MOU they signed achieves its targets.

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Meanwhile, Governor Prof Barchok flagged off toolkits for the 2,640 Community Health Promoters (CHP) spread across the 246 community health

units in the county.

The toolkits include a backpack, a first aid box, weighing scale, infrared clinical thermometer, among other basic equipment.

Prof. Barchok the toolkits will enhance the CHP's capacity to discharge their responsibility more efficiently.

"They can then refer their clients to the nearest medical facility for proper diagnosis and subsequent medication in good time." Prof Barchok said.

The CHPs, in partnership between the county and the national governments, will be paid a monthly stipend.

# Bomet benefits from devolved KNLS services, functions and assets

**By Kipyegon Chirchir**

Kenya National Library services has transferred community library services to Bomet County.

County Secretary Simon Langat while signing the receipt of Silibwet Community Library assets to the county Government from Kenya National Library Services (KNLS) said the county will endeavour to ensure the success of library services in the county.

He urged the Silibwet Library to mentor all the upcoming community libraries across the county as it inculcate the reading culture in the community for learning as well as to acquire general information.

KNLS representative Sheila Onwong'a urged the county to maintain the assets. Inter-Governmental Relation Technical Committee (IGRTC) led by Mr Wilson Ole Pere and Benjamin Sasimwa oversaw the transfer of functions, resources, human resources as well as Assets.

Gender, Culture and Social Services CEC Josephine Chepkoech said the county government will set up community libraries in all the subcounties to ensure the access to its services is devolved to the people.





# VTC managers undergo capacity training



By Kipyegon Chirchir

Vocational Training Centres board chairpersons and managers drawn from Narok, Kajiado and Bomet counties underwent a five-day capacity building to equip them with knowledge on institutions

management.

The event organized by No One Out! Italy through the state department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA) took the members on institutional leadership, governance and quality management as well as gender

mainstreaming.

Education and Vocational Training CEC Agnes Ng'eno, while closing the workshop, said the Bomet will organize a county capacity building to all the vocational training officers in the county to improve on Curriculum Based Education Training (CBET)

## British High Commissioner Visits Bomet



By Yvonne Chemutai

Governor Prof Hillary Barchok (right) with the British High Commissioner to Kenya Neil Wigan (left) during a courtesy call, at the county headquarters in October, on a county familiarization tour to Kenyan Counties as well as explore priority areas of strategic partnership between the British Government and Bomet County.

Among other issues discussed include collaboration in enhancing tea sector, trade and investment and the plight faced by Kipsigis community during the British rule ranging from sexual harassment, gender-based violence, displacement of people from their ancestral land among other atrocities.



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