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Bomet, Safaricom Foundation to create Centres of Excellence in VTCs



Governor Dr. Hillary Barchok, Thursday joined TIVET Kenya Director General, Dr Kipkirui Lang'at, Safaricom Foundation Programmes Manager Ms Eunice Kibathi and Dr John Mugo, Safaricom partner in establishing centres of excellence in TIVET institutions, where they discussed possible areas of partnership. Speaking during the visit to Waithaka VTC in Nairobi, Dr Barchok pointed out the significant contribution of technical institutions towards the growth of the economy and creation of employment to thousands of youths.

“Equipping the youth with relevant hands-on skills, will prepare them for the job market in various sectors of our economy. My administration will work with Safaricom foundation to facelift our TIVET institutions and position them as centres of excellence for our youth” Dr Barchok said.

Waithaka VTC has been refurbished and equipped with state-of-the-art machines that has created opportunity for trainees to gain practical skills on Technical, Industrial, Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training. The county government of Bomet continues to spearhead infrastructural

development as well as increasing the enrolment of learners from 1000 to the current 4000 students across the 33 vocational technical institutions in the county.

Bomet County recently, launched Subsidized Vocational Training Centre Support Grant (SVTC SG) tools and equipment worth 17.9M across the 33 VTCs in the county. During a recent ward visit, Dr Barchok also commissioned Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) training for ECD teachers at Kaplong VTC.



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Bomet, KRCS join hands to prevent Zoonotic diseases



The County Government of Bomet in partnership with the Kenya Red Cross Society and the Community Epidemic & Pandemic Preparedness (CP3) USAID project, has rolled out a coordinated multisectoral approach dubbed "One Health Approach" to champion for prevention of zoonotic

diseases such as anthrax in the county.

The approach engages the communities by training the residents on epidemic preparedness and response, and recognizing them as vital contributors to finding and stopping outbreaks, saving lives, restoring services,

reducing negative impacts, speeding recovery and building resilience

The multisectoral sensitization team has so far engaged community members in Chemagel and Kipsonoi wards.

Transforming small scale beans farming to commercial production



600 farmers from registered cooperatives societies in Bomet have gained practical farming skills and knowledge on commercial Beans production during the just concluded Beans Commercialization Production

training programme in Bomet. Among the key areas of focus of training included best farming practices geared towards upscaling small scale farming to commercial beans production and planting of beans rich in Protein, Iron and

Zinc especially nyota, angaza and faida varieties. Speaking during the workshop the CECM Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Dr. Kipchumba Toweett reiterated that the county government of Bomet targets to produce 12,000 bags (90kgs) of beans valued at estimate of Ksh 96 Million.

The training was jointly organised by the County government of Bomet, the Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research (KALRO) and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) and Pan Africa Beans Research Alliance (PABRA).



Where there is no vision, the people perish. —Proverbs 29:18