

# THE GOVERNOR *Weekly*

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## East Coast Fever (ECF) vaccination Campaign Kicks off in Bomet



Bomet Governor Dr Hillary Barchok, Monday presided over the launch of East Coast Fever (ECF) vaccination campaign that is targeting 15,000 cattle across the County.

Speaking during the launch, Dr Barchok said that the vaccination drive comes at a time when the county is gearing up to boost the livestock production in the county urging farmers to place more emphasis on livestock keeping in a bid to reap big from the county's livestock programmes.

"Livestock keeping is one of the key economic activities of our people, being one of the major sources of

income that directly improves our economy and the living standards of our people" Dr Barchok said.

He observed that East Coast Fever disease was a major challenge affecting livestock production in the County and called for more concerted efforts from all stakeholders.

He lauded the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture project funded by the World Bank for rolling out several intervention measures to improve the sector among them supporting the Micro-Agricultural projects, dairy farming, Banana Tissue culture, potato farming and indigenous poultry keeping.



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## Governor Barchok launches projects during development tour of Merigi Ward



Bomet Governor Dr Hillary Barchok, Monday launched the construction of Kiplakit Bridge, that will connect Belgut and Matumbor villages while interacting with residents during a development tour of Merigi ward, Bomet East. Speaking during the development tour, Dr Barchok said that the county government is currently improving

infrastructure within the county in a quest to improving the transport system. "This bridge will offer relief to our people who have suffered for long as many drowning cases have been reported, transportation of people and goods have been affected by inaccessibility." Dr Barchok said. The Governor also inspected the ongoing

construction works of the newly opened Kiplakit-Chepkositonik road and directed that quality works must be delivered within the shortest time. The Governor also inspected Bukacha VTC, Bukacha Dispensary and Kiromwok maternity.

## Governor Barchok during a development tour of Chesoan Ward



Bomet Governor Dr Hillary Barchok, Monday inspected county government projects during the development tour of Chesoan, Bomet Central. Speaking during the development tour, Dr Barchok while interacting with residents at Morit, Kapmogoso, Boito and KP33 said that every citizen has a right to access quality healthcare, accessible roads and quality education. "We are fully committed to availing quality healthcare to the residents of

Bomet and as such, my administration will construct a dispensary, complete the construction of a maternity wing in Segutiet Dispensary and equip Boito Dispensary in a bid to address some of the health concerns in the area as well as decongesting Longisa County Referral Facility" Dr Barchok said. The Governor also pointed that his administration continues to maintain roads in the agriculturally rich, Chesoan

Ward to facilitate easy transportation of agricultural produce to the factories and markets. He added that his administration will look into putting up a bridge connecting Chesoan to Kipsonoi wards to improve transport network in the region. He also said that his administration will embark on construction of ECDE classes at Kapmogoso and Boito to enhance early learning for learners.



Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. - Warren Bennis

# Bomet, Judiciary partner to curb Societal Vices



Bomet county, through the Department of Gender and Social Services, has partnered with the Judiciary-Bomet County to roll out a community sensitization workshop on among other judicial related matters Gender Based Violence, Female Genital Mutilation, alcoholism and alcoholic drinks control, Sexual Offences and early and teenage marriages.

The inaugural workshop held at Itembe/Kapkwen in Chepalungu sensitized the community opinion leaders who will inturn educate the community on role of the court in the administration of justice and community development. In attendance were Bomet Presiding Judge Lady Justice Roselyn Korir, Senior Resident Magistrate Kipkirui Kibelion, Resident Magistrate Lilian Kiniale, Gender and Social Services officers - CEC Alice Kirui, Chief Officer Jayne Sigilai, Director Rose Chepkorir among other members of national and county government.

## Governor Barchok Inspects Projects at Siwot VTC



Governor Dr. Hillary Barchok, Monday visited Siwot Vocational Training Centre where he inspected development projects undertaken by the county government.

Dr Barchok witnessed the harvesting of tilapia fish and sampled African Catfish from the earthen pond that were stocked in the fish tanks enclosed in the Greenhouse.

He also inspected the construction of two earthen

fish ponds each with a surface area of 300m<sup>2</sup> and the Fisheries Aquaponics Project that is being funded by the State Department of Fisheries and the Blue Economy and supported by the County Government.

The Aquaponics project seeks to promote fish farming and crop production integrated system (aquaponics) to achieve food and nutrition security and to provide the VTC with an

aquaponics demo unit for learning and training purposes to enable the youth learn about modern food production technologies at early stage with anticipation they will embrace it in future for enhanced food production and income generation. The unit will also provide other institutions and fish farmers in the neighborhood with real time demonstration site for learning purposes.

## Bomet among the most improved counties in implementation of KCSAP

Bomet was feted among the counties par excellence in successful implementation of the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture programmes by Crops PS in the Ministry of Agriculture, Prof Hamadi Boga. Prof Boga while lauding the counties for improving the livelihoods of the community people through smart Agriculture intervention programmes, he challenged the counties to fastrack the absorption of the funds so that the programs are completed within the stipulated timelines.

Other improved counties also feted were Elgeyo Marakwet, Nyeri, West Pokot and Garissa. The ceremony was also attended by World bank Team leader in Kenya Vinay Vutukuru and the project coordinator Mr Muthami, Agriculture CEC Kipchumba Toweett and counterparts CECM Agriculture & Livestock Dr Kipchumba Toweett received the Silver award on behalf of the county government saying that the programs will transform Bomet immensely and uplift agricultural production in line with food and nutritional security.



## International Women's Day 2021 - Bomet Chapter Celebrations

Bomet County, through the department of gender and social services, in conjunction with Women Enterprise Fund, Days for Girls and 100 Humanitarian International conducted a women empowerment work to mark the International Women's Day.

Over 200 women drawn from Sigor Ward were trained on access to government affirmative funds, leadership, decision making, investments, poultry farming and kitchen gardening.

The participants were also encouraged to take advantage of the interest-free loans from the government to boost their businesses and other economic activities.

In attendance were CEC, Alice Kirui, CO Jayne Sigilai, Director Rose, officers from the Women Fund and ward officers from the county.



## Bomet East PWDs receive wheelchairs



The Social Services and Gender Department distributed several wheelchairs to assessed People Living with Disabilities in Bomet East during the past week.

The ongoing programme which commenced in Sotik Subcounty in 22 September 2020 following the launch by Bomet Governor Dr. Hillary Barchok targets a total of 500 beneficiaries in the county.

The initiative is among some of the Social Services and Gender programmes aimed at empowering the less fortunate members in the society.