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Merigi: Barchok reiterates Government's commitment towards service delivery



Governor Dr Hillary Barchok during a Development visit of Merigi ward inspected the recently completed Kaptebeswet Water Pan which is now open for use by members of the public. Dr Barchok said that “water pans as a source of water for domestic and livestock use continue to be part of the solution in

addressing the huge demand for the precious commodity.” Adding that the government was exploring all means of providing water for our people. Thereafter, the Governor inspected the ongoing construction of Chepkolon-Miti Mingi road in the same ward. While acknowledging the

role of infrastructure in building the economy, Dr Barchok said that “My administration has continued to maintain existing roads as well as opening up new ones across the county with the aim of improving our transport system and increasing mobility of people and goods.”



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Bomet, WEF disburse Sh 8.5 million to women groups

Bomet County Social Services and Gender Department and the Women Enterprise Fund have issued sh 8.5 Million to various women groups across the county.

Additionally, over 50 women groups representatives received training on digital marketing skills, the benefits of Affirmative funds and cooperative societies among others. Speaking during the closing ceremony of the training, Gender and Social Services CEC Alice Kirui challenged women in Bomet to tap into the various opportunities available both in the National and County Government to empower themselves socially and economically.

Mrs Kirui noted that women in Bomet were the backbone of the economy since they engage in most of the small-scale businesses all over the county to sustain their families. Also, present during the weeklong countywide sensitization training were Gender and Social Services Chief Officer Jayne Sigilai, Regional Credit Coordinators Kiso Muteti, Director Rose Chepkorir among others.



Dairy farmers acquire equipment to boost dairy production

11 dairy value chain micro-groups have benefited from several farm implements geared towards enhancing dairy production in the county.

The initiative rolled out by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries through the Kenya Climate Smart Programme (KCSAP) distributed chaff cutters, manual balers and mowing machines among other equipment.

Agriculture CECM Dr Kipchumba Towett while acknowledging KCSAP support said that the department was upscaling the dairy value chain in the County.

Also, the County Government of Bomet has unveiled a Food and Nutrition Strategic Plan which is aimed at improving food and nutrition security.

Noteworthy, Bomet county produces approximately 300,000 liters of milk daily. So far, Sh 23 million has been rolled out in Mogogosiek ward to improve production of dairy, poultry, potatoes and Bananas through support to the micro project program.



Lead me, follow me,
or get out of my
way. - General
George Patton



EDUCATION:

Governor Dr Hillary Barchok officially opened a new dormitory at Moi Siongiroi Girls' High School.

The School has displayed an outstanding performance over the years and mentored many girls who now occupy significant positions in the society.

Dr Barchok imparted nuggets of wisdom to the young girls and lauded the school principal's Mrs. Mary Kosgey and the entire school fraternity for the commendable work.

A stitch in time: Residents applaud Disaster Management team's agile prowess



Bomet County Disaster Management Team, Friday afternoon responded to a distress call by a hay store owner in Silibwet in record time thanks to the just serviced-fire truck engine.

Recently, Bomet Governor Dr Hillary Barchok unveiled several protective equipment for use by the Disaster Management Unit during incidences of fires, downing, bees attack and rescue.

To enhance emergency responses, the Unit is introducing paramedic services as well as

acquiring an ambulance. The Unit is regionally renowned for its swiftness with an efficacy of 98% response to fire and drowning incidents.



The Unit's divers recently completed specialized military training from the Kenya Navy, and are the most sought after in counties in the Rift Valley and Nyanza.

They have successfully searched and helped retrieve bodies in Nyamira, Kericho, Kisii, Siaya, Narok, Nakuru and Uasin Gishu Counties. The team was called upon to take part in the search-and-rescue mission after a helicopter crashed in Lake Nakuru in 2017, alongside the Navy team that was in charge of the recovery efforts.

Governor Barchok, while appreciating the unique role the divers play in the region, revealed that

"We are working towards regularizing their employment so that they can be permanent and pensionable" Dr Barchok said.

He added that the County Government will seek to improve their training so that they can qualify to be taken on board under the Public Service Board as required in law.

