

IN BRIEF

**Rift Valley
Governors
meet the
President
on BBI**



Bomet Governor H.E Dr. Hillary Barchok together with his Rift counterparts during a visit to the State House on March, 9th 2020 for a consultative meeting on the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI). The Governors assured President Uhuru Kenyatta of their full backing of the BBI process and undertook to ensure unity and inclusion of all stakeholders in the process.

**Computers for
schools Bomet
county trainees
graduated**



Administration and ICT CEC Patrick Maritim (above left) awards a certificate to a graduand during award ceremony of Bomet County, Huawei and Computers for schools partnership trainees at the county headquarters.

**BBI consultative
forum Bomet**



Governor Dr Hillary Barchok receiving a memorandum from Ogiek Community during the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) Consultative forum in Bomet town

The Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) dialogue process in Bomet County officially commenced on March, 10, 2020 at Bomet town.

The meeting brought together county leaders, opinion leaders, minority groups including Ogiek community and residents who aired their issues among them; reforms in tea and dairy sectors, inclusivity, devolution, education, environmental conservation, structure of

governance, establishment of ward fund, youth, women, PWDs, land injustices as well as unemployment. Spearheading the stakeholders' consultative forum at Bomet town, Governor Dr Hillary Barchok said that all residents, various groups and organizations in Bomet will have an opportunity to present their views and memoranda regarding issues affecting them.

Dr Barchok called for sobriety during the consultation

process warning that while the constitution of Kenya allows for freedom of speech and gathering as per the rule of law, no leader or politician will be allowed to propagate hate speech and plant seeds of discord in the County. The Governor added that a four-member secretariat had been set up in his office to collect views from individuals and groups that would later be collated and incorporated into the main BBI Task Force Report.



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Quote of the Week

"A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus" - Martin Luther King Jr.

Coronavirus preparedness in Bomet County



Following the confirmation of the first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Nairobi, Kenya, on Friday, March 13th 2020 and subsequent announcement by the health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Mutahi Kagwe urging Kenyans to stay on high alert and suspend all public meetings and gatherings, Governor Dr. Hillary Barchok has urged the residents of Bomet to comply with the CS' warning. The Governor said that the

county government had stepped up its efforts in readiness for any eventuality in regards to the pandemic. He said that isolation units had been identified in all the main hospitals in the County. He also said that county-wide sensitization on the pandemic had been activated on the County and Subcounty Health Management Teams across the county and Hotel staff in all major hotels. Personal protective equipment (PPEs) have also been acquired from

the Ministry of Health. Members of the public have been advised to exercise personal hygiene such as thorough handwashing and use of sanitizers. They have also been urged to visit the county health facilities or call an emergency hotline number **+254754166677**. Should they feel sick and exhibit symptoms such as high fever, sneezing or continuous coughing.

Upgrading Basic Sanitation for Urban Poor



Governor Dr. Hillary Barchok on March, 12, 2020 presided over the launch of the 35 modern toilets under the

Upgrading Basic Sanitation for Urban Poor (UBSUP) program and presented cheques worth Ksh 70,000.

The joint program between the County Government of Bomet and the Water Sector Trust Fund (WSTF) aims at improving sanitation in semi urban areas that do not have access to basic sanitation.

Each beneficiary of the project will be reimbursed with Ksh 20,000. The program aims at completing the construction of 200 toilets.