

THE GOVERNOR *Weekly*

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Happy New Year 2021

Governor Dr Hillary Barchok, Friday 1st January 2021 wished the residents of Bomet and all Kenyans a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2021 filled with happiness, prosperity and restoration. He acknowledged the challenges that Kenya and in particular Bomet had gone through following the advent of the Coronavirus disease pandemic in March 2020 which has crippled the economic wellbeing of the people and altered the way of life. He however, advised the residents of Bomet to rise above these shortcomings by seeking home grown solutions where possible.

**May this year bring
you hope, restoration
and prosperity**

The Governor noted that his administration has introduced austerity measures in the wake of the Covid19 pandemic, among them launching the food support that saw over 10,000 vulnerable households benefit from the kitty.

For sustainability, the county government will supply seedlings to farmers across the county.

He thanked the entire Bomet leadership, the business community, the religious community and all residents and urged them to remain united.

“I urge all of you to remain united and rally around our shared aspirations for a better prosperous Bomet. On my part, I

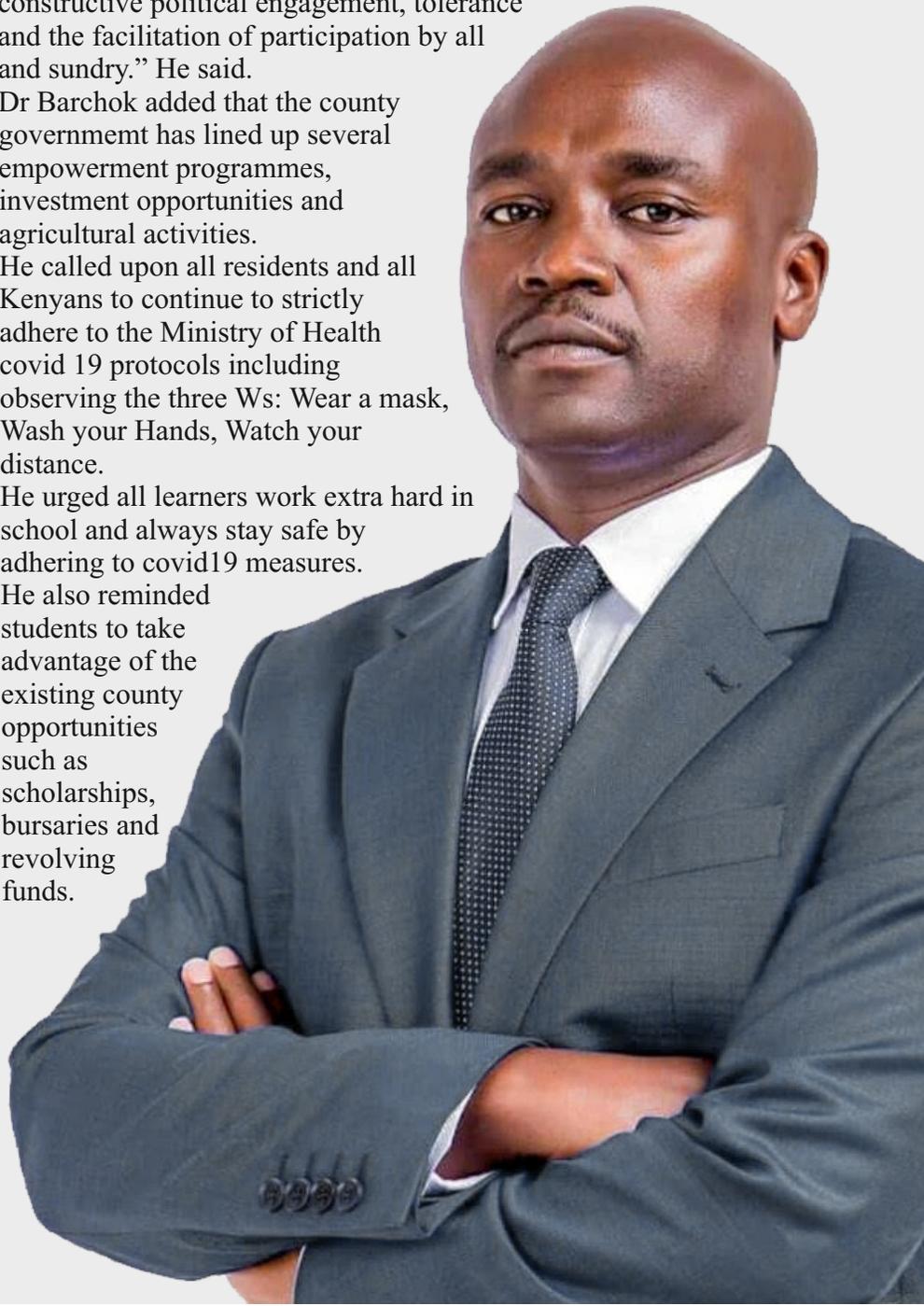
will continue to foster an environment of unity, constructive political engagement, tolerance and the facilitation of participation by all and sundry.” He said.

Dr Barchok added that the county government has lined up several empowerment programmes, investment opportunities and agricultural activities.

He called upon all residents and all Kenyans to continue to strictly adhere to the Ministry of Health covid 19 protocols including observing the three Ws: Wear a mask, Wash your Hands, Watch your distance.

He urged all learners work extra hard in school and always stay safe by adhering to covid19 measures.

He also reminded students to take advantage of the existing county opportunities such as scholarships, bursaries and revolving funds.





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Bomet receives 4,700 facemasks, sanitizers from Japan

Bomet Governor H.E Dr Hillary Barchok, Tuesday, received over 4,000 facemasks, sanitizers and handwashing stations through partnership with Japanese donors and Trounce Kenya Limited. Cumulatively, the County has now benefited from 7,000 facemasks from the donor. Receiving the consignment at the County Headquarters, Governor Dr. Hillary Barchok lauded the generous gesture, saying that the move comes at an opportune time when the schools are re-opening and concerted efforts were needed from all stakeholders to minimize the spread of the Covid19.

The facemasks are set to distributed to learning institutions across the county from Monday next week. The Governor also hinted that the county government will resume facemasks production as part of the



county's precautionary efforts to curb the spread of the pandemic. "My administration has resumed production of reusable facemasks at

Siwot VTC for onward distribution to learning institutions, starting with our ECDE centers and Vocational training centres" Dr Barchok said.

Bomet to review VTCs training fees



Governor H.E Dr Hillary Barchok, Wednesday said that his administration will review the fees being paid by trainees who wish to join vocational training centres in the County. Speaking during the issuance of technical training equipment at

Kaplong VTC, Dr Barchok said that his administration will review the fees charged as a way of encouraging more form four leavers to gain practical skills in technical and vocational education training which are relevant to the job market where securing white collar jobs are

gradually proving to be difficult. The county government has improved the infrastructural development of the 33 VTCs in the county - a move that has subsequently led to a higher enrolment of trainees from an initial low of 1200 to a current 3500. Dr Barchok also said that the county has employed more than 1000 teaching assistants and completed more than 300 ECD classes across the county.

He later commissioned Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) training for TOTs for ECD teachers at Kaplong VTC and later launched SVTCSG tools and equipment worth 17.9M to be distributed across the 33 VTCs in the county.

He challenged the trainees to utilize the resources available saying that "These equipments are a prerequisite to quality education offered to our students as it gives them hands-on-experience on their respective areas of specialization."

Quote of the week

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves. — Lao Tzu

Barchok visits Chemagel, Nyangores wards in a development tour



Governor Dr Hillary Barchok cuts a ribbon during the opening of Chebongi dispensary on Wednesday

Bomet Governor H.E Dr Hillary Barchok, this week, began a series of ward development visits in Sotik and Chepalungu Subcounties. Accompanied by his Deputy H.E Hon. Shadrack Rotich and members of the Executive team, the Governor visited Chemagel ward, Sotik Subcounty where he inspected the ongoing rehabilitation of Yaganek water project that the county government has already installed and tested the pump set and the rising main with which upon completion, the project will supply water to residents in Kiptenden, Kambira, Lepekwet, munandet villages and environs. The Governor later presided over the commissioning of Chebongi dispensary in Chemagel ward that is projected to serve over 1,300 households from six villages in Chebongi area. Speaking while commissioning the project, the Governor said that “Every Kenyan has the right to access basic quality healthcare as guaranteed by the constitution. As a county Government, we have a huge responsibility to take health services close to wananchi in the

villages.” He added that the county government had already deployed a nurse to the facility with a view to equipping the facility with more staff and infrastructural development to respond to the medical needs of the people. “We are also taking measures to put up staff quarters around the facility to ensure faster and accessible health services provision” He said. On Friday, the Governor, his deputy and the Executive team made another visit to Nyongores ward, during the development tour of Chepalungu Subcounty. Dr. Barchok had a hearty interaction with the residents and pledged to expedite on issues raised by the residents. During the visit, the Governor commissioned the completed Soget ECDE centre, inspected Nyambuigo dispensary, Kapkesosio maternity wing and Kapkesosio milk cooling plant where he expressed satisfaction over the progress of the projects. He also said that that his administration will fast track the construction of Kiptigoi ECDE.

