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Bomet Launches Sh 1.8 Billion Five-Year Nutrition Action Plan



Governor Dr Hillary Barchok, Friday launched the County Nutrition Action Plan aimed at addressing malnutrition bottlenecks in the County in line with Kenya's Vision 2030.

36%

The stunting growth rate in Bomet against the 26 percent nationally

Speaking during the function, The Governor noted with concern the high rates of malnutrition in the county compared to the overall national situation. The trend of malnutrition and diet-related non communicable diseases in Bomet is worrying for instance, stunted growth

alone is about 36% while nationally, it is 26%. This calls for concerted efforts with our development partners to reduce all forms of malnutrition” Dr Barchok said. However, he added that his government has increased nutrition personnel a double fold from 27 in 2017 to 52 in 2020.



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Governors push for reforms in the Agriculture sector



Governor Dr Hillary Barchok, Tuesday, joined colleague Governors, Agriculture Executives, USAID-Kenya, Asnet-Kenya and the Coffee Subsector Reforms Implementation Standing Committee (CSRISC) to champion for policy, legislative reforms and deliberate on the emerging issues in the Agriculture sector.

The Council of Governors called for the need to transform Agriculture through collaborative efforts between the two levels of Government, development partners and the private sector. The council called for more consultation and involvement in matters that directly affect the people in the grassroots. They cited the enactment of legislative pieces such as the Tea Act, 2020, Coffee Bill, 2021, Fibre Crops Development

Authority Bill, 2021 Nuts and Oil Crops Bill, 2021.

Other bills include Food Crops Industry Bill, 2021, the Horticultural Crops Authority Bill, 2020 and the Miraa, Pyrethrum and Other Industrial Crops Bill, 2021.

During the caucus, Dr Kipchumba Toweett was appointed chair, COG Agriculture CECM committee and elected as a member of the Joint Programs, Project implementations alongside his counterparts Dr Osia (Busia), Dr Muturi (Embu) and Dr Karitu (Nyandarua).

The project implementation committee overseas projects from donors from both national and international organizations through the Council of Governors.

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36 percent: The stunting growth rate in the county

He also said that the county government has increased budgetary allocation a triple-fold to 10M in the last three years and was in tail end to implement the school feeding programme. The County Government has committed Sh 10 Million towards Nutrition programmes in the county. The Governor lauded the continued partnership between Bomet County and its development partners such as Nutrition International, World Vision Kenya, Kenya Red Cross Society, Dig deep and Walter Reed. The Constitution of Kenya 2010 recognizes the right of every Kenyan to be free from hunger and a right to adequate food of acceptable quality. Bomet County Nutrition Action Plan is also aligned to the Kenya Nutrition Action Plan (KNAP) 2018 - 2022, Bomet County Integrated development Plan (CIDP II) and the Annual Work Plan (AWP).

Beatrice Chepkoech sets new World Record



Governor Dr Hillary Barchok has challenged youth to exploit their sporting talents by utilizing the existing stadia which include Silibwet Stadium.

Barchok said this when he congratulated Beatrice Chepkoech after setting the new World record in 5Km Women race after clocking 14:43 in Monaco on Sunday. Chepkoech, also the 3,000m steeplechase world record holder hails from Konoin Subcounty. Tegat Athletics Camp Bomet East is near completion.

Empowerment: Boost for Ogilge Self Help Group



200-member Ogilge Self Help Group has received 14 calves to improve their social and economic wellbeing. Speaking during the presentation of the calves to the group, Governor Dr Hillary Barchok said that self-help groups play a significant role in social and economic transformation in the society. Dr Barchok lauded the group members for their effort to uplift the economic

well-being of its members and challenged more people to register in groups. Since its inception in 2010, Ogilge Self help group, a 200 - member group from Kapkimolwa, Longisa ward has been empowering its members and the less fortunate members in the society with calves. So far, 87 members have each received a calf.



"Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better." - Harry S. Truman