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**A WEEKLY DISPATCH FROM THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF HOMA BAY**

1. Homa Bay County Government through the Department of Gender and Social Services in partnership with Homa Bay Civil Society Network has begun developing County Child Protection Policy. The technical policy on child protection is meant to lay policy and guidelines on combating sexual and gender-based violence against children as well as deal firmly with teenage pregnancies. A technical working group consisting of officers from the county government, LVCT Health, Plan International, USAID Nuru Ya Mtoto, CRS, PATH, and Break-Through are already developing a zero draft to be escalated to the cabinet and the assembly before it takes effect.
2. The County Government of Homa Bay will this year join the rest of the world in marking World Population Day on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Kitare Health Center, Gembe Ward, Suba North. The WPD seeks to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, with this year's theme being a reminder that we can achieve the prosperous, peaceful, and sustainable future envisioned by the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development if we harness the power of every human being on the planet. When we unlock the full potential of women and girls – encouraging and nurturing their desires for their lives, their families, and their careers – we galvanize half the leadership, ideas, innovation, and creativity to better society.
3. The County Department of Education, Vocational Training, and Human Capital Development has begun the distribution of teaching and learning materials to all the Early Year Education Centers across the county. The materials, procured at KES 4M are a relief to the parents who have had to bear the burden of providing the same to their children. It also makes it easier for teachers in their delivery. The department has also conducted an assessment of Lambwe VTC on infrastructure and courses even as the department plans to make VTCs in the county well-equipped to offer market-based courses.
4. County Department of Blue Economy and Fisheries is rolling out Lake Victoria Harmful Algal Blooms Project focusing on human vulnerability to HABs through the identification of HABs-related risk factors that contribute to the vulnerability of riparian households and fishing communities; as well as assessing the impacts of HABs on the health of the riparian communities. This project is being done in conjunction with the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KEMFRI) Kisumu station.
5. The County Department Of Land, Housing, and Urban Planning is conducting public participation forums in Oyugis and Homa Bay municipalities in line with the provisions of Section 22 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act of 2011 to discuss the development priorities of the residents of these municipalities to be incorporated in the Municipality Annual Investment Plans, Municipality

Integrated Development Plans, and Urban Areas Solid Waste Management Policy and Plan for 2023-2024 financial year

6. The County Health Management Team has concluded orientation to the Public Service Board and the County Assembly Committees on Finance and Health on the transition of CDC and partners staff to the mainstream Ministry of Health. The team also conducted an induction for the stakeholders on the general management of HIV/AIDS and TB services in the county.
7. The County Department of Trade has begun doing routine maintenance and improvement of the Oyugis market as had been requested by the Oyugis Business Community. The improvement works include drainage, enhanced shelter, and tiling. The Department also held an industrialization meeting with Council of Governors' representatives and national government officials and did a site visit to Riwa in readiness for the groundbreaking of County Aggregation and Industrial Park(CAIP) in August

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