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DESPATCH FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THE 12TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING was held today under the leadership of **H.E Governor Gladys Nyasuna Wanga CBS**. The Committee meets every two weeks to review progress on service delivery to the distinguished residents of Homa Bay County, and plan ahead on relevant policy and legislative issues necessary for the development of the County in line with the commitment made to wanainchi through the **GENOWA EN DONGRUOK** manifesto.

IN AN UNPRECEDENTED move towards Climate Change adaptability and resilience relevance, the Executive Committee approved the first ever **Homa Bay County Climate Action Plan (HCCAP)** presented by the **Department of Water, Irrigation, Sanitation, Environment, Energy, Forestry and Climate Change**. The plan is anchored on 7 key pillars:

- Disaster (Drought and Floods) Risk Management aimed at reducing risks to communities and infrastructure resulting from climate-related disasters such as droughts and floods.
- Food and Nutrition Security targeting increasing food and nutrition security by enhancing productivity and resilience of the agricultural sector, while reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission through adoption of low carbon technologies.
- Water and the Blue Economy to enhance the resilience of the blue economy and water sector by ensuring adequate access to and efficient use of water for agriculture, manufacturing, domestic, wildlife, and other uses.
- Forestry, Wildlife and Tourism aimed at increasing tree cover to 10% of total land area in the County; rehabilitate degraded lands including rangelands and increase the resilience of wildlife
- Health, Sanitation and Human Settlement to mainstream climate change adaptation into the health sector and increase the resilience of human settlements, including improved solid waste management in urban areas.
- Manufacturing impacted on by scarcity of resources including water, electricity, and other inputs because of climate change. Inefficient energy use in the manufacturing sector (such as charcoal production and cement production) increases GHG emissions.
- Energy and transport to ensure an electricity supply mix based mainly on renewable energy that is resilient to climate change

and promotes energy efficiency, thereby encourage the transition to clean cooking that reduces the demand for biomass.

The approval of this plan now headed to the County Assembly in line with the requirements of the law, increases the breadth for the County in pushing the climate change agenda, as part of the framework on the implementation of the aspirations of the **GENOWA EN DONGRUOK** manifesto.

The plan is built on the first *National Climate Change Action Plan (2018-2022)* and is anchored on the provisions of the *Homa Bay Climate Change Act 2022* and the *Homa Bay County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) III (2023 -2027)*. It will guide climate actions of the County Government up to the grassroots level, the private sector, civil society and other actors as Homa Bay transitions to a low-carbon climate-resilient development pathway.

FOR EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SERVICE DELIVERY by staff of the County Government of Homa Bay, the Committee deliberated on and gave a nod for the implementation of a comprehensive *County Integrated Performance Management Framework*, in line with the provisions of Section 47 of the County Governments Act. This scheme whose overall objective is to ensure optimization of service delivery to the citizens, will ensure County Staff are equally compensated for their service to members of the public for their prudence and integrity along the acceptable provisions of the law.

AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PLANS to improve on health service delivery, the Executive Committee granted the **Department of Public Health and**

Medical Services authority to procure **concrete fencing** for **Rachuonyo East Sub County Hospital, Ramula**. This is expected to deter cases of loss of property as has been witnessed in the past where between 2015 to date in 10 theft incidences, property worth close to Kes. 20M including those donated by Development Partners have been lost.

The Committee approved Kes. 10M towards the construction of the fence a gate and parking space.

TO SPUR economic growth in each of the 40 Wards alongside improving learning conditions across the **856 EYE Centres** in the County, the Committee discussed and approved a proposal by the **Department of Education, Human Capital Development and Vocational Training** to acquire wooden chairs and tables for all the 85,600 ECDE learners in Homa Bay County. With **Kes. 80M** set aside for this initiative, the Executive Committee anticipates that close to **Kes. 2M** will roll over to carpenters in each of the Wards, thereby stimulating the economies of the local market chains. The furniture will be based on unempirical research, help motivate the learners.

FOLLOWING the recent heavy rains that washed some roads including ones that were recently completed across the County, and in order to improve access to public health facilities, market centres, lakefront/beaches and general mobility for the public, the Executive Committee approved for the **Department of Roads, Transport, Public Works and Infrastructure, Kes. 191, 220,844.60** for use in rehabilitating, maintaining, grading and gravelling as

well as carrying out minor drainage works on **52 road projects in 33 Wards across 8 Sub Counties.**

IN CONCLUSION, H.E Governor Wanga reemphasized her own personal commitment and that of the CECMs individually and collectively to the people of Homa Bay County on the County Government's focus to deliver on its promises aimed at positively transforming lives and livelihoods in the County.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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