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## PRESS RELEASE

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### DESPATCH FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**THE HOMA BAY COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**, today held its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in this calendar year under the leadership of **H.E Governor Gladys Wanga**, to take stock of the just ended year with regard to service delivery to the people of Homa Bay.

**OF NOTE** is a confirmation from the meeting that 29,600 students from the County are set to benefit from the County Bursary Scheme and the **Genowa Governor's Fins to Swim Scholarship Programme** in the FY 2023/24. Already **Ksh. 172 Million has been given out to 22,157 students** from Homa Bay in secondary schools, universities and tertiary institutions across the Country. The bursary cheques issuance exercise started on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and was culminated on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 a day before schools reopened for the new term.

The first cohort of the **Genowa Governor's Fins to Swim Scholarship** was also released back to school with the whole year's fees, pocket money and shopping. The second cohort of beneficiaries for the scholarship scheme who are fully sponsored throughout their time in school and college are set to be released on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024, ahead of their reporting date to school on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**TOWARDS FOSTERING** productivity and creating an ideal environment for wealth creation through savings and cooperatives, the Executive Committee deliberated over and gave a nod to the Department of Cooperatives to avail a grant of **Ksh. 1 Million to the Homa Bay County BMUs Network Sacco**, to support the operationalization of the Sacco that brings together close to 80,000 fishermen registered under the 141 BMUs spread across 6 Sub Counties in Homa Bay. A similar programme was mooted for the Bodaboda Sector and small scale traders and is currently at the tail end of full implementation, now awaiting the County Assembly's approval of the relevant policies, on completion of the public participation exercise.

**COGNIZANT** of the importance of livestock trade in the County, with about 20 auction rings spread across Homa Bay, the Committee discussed and gave a go ahead to the Department of Livestock to secure, fence, construct latrines and shades in three of the 20 livestock yards, at an initial cost of **Ksh. 5 Million. The 3 markets in Kanyamwa Kosewe, Central Karachuonyo and Lambwe Wards.**

Another two markets will be identified, fenced off and equipped with shades and latrines under the same programme. The Committee averred that such livestock auction rings are a reliable source of revenue with proper support and maintenance.

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** reaffirms its collective commitment to bolster economic resuscitation initiatives and drive sustainable development for the people whilst fostering productivity through laid down programmes and policy interventions, and creating a conducive environment for wealth creation, in line with the **#GENOWAENDDONGRUOK** social contract between the administration and the people of Homa Bay.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.**