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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### **DESPATCH FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**H.E GOVERNOR GLADYS WANGA, CBS**, today chaired the County's 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting, which continued to deliberate on policy issues towards further development of the County through a framework of Transformation, Innovation Empowerment and Growth, as envisaged in the **GENOWA EN DONGRUOK** manifesto.

**APPRECIATING** the need to **improve primary healthcare**, the County's apex decision making body acknowledged that all the **2,984 Community Health Volunteers (CHVs)** have so far been paid their January 2023 **stipend over and above updating their NHIF coverage**. This is expected to further boost their morale as they serve at the basic level of healthcare.

**PURSUANT TO** the requirement in the Public Finance Management Act 2012, that no public funds shall be appropriated outside a county's planning framework, the Executive Committee approved the County's Third Integrated Development Plan that will run from 2023 to 2027. The CIDP will now be presented to the Assembly as required by law.

**IN SUPPORTING** full implementation of the **Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP)** aimed at supporting small scale pond fish farmers to increase their enterprise to commercially viable business, the Executive Committee approved **Kes. four million, five hundred thousand only**, towards the purchase of 100 fish pond predator and 100 fish pond bird nets, for onward distribution to the **1654 fish farmers** in the County. This initiative will help in mitigating the threat of reduction of profit margins, through loss of stocked fish by predators like birds etc. The Homa Bay Government, is committed to **complimenting efforts** by ABDP to spur fish farmers to achieve sustainability at a faster rate. This initiative is expected to increase overall **production of fish stocks** under the aquaculture programme thereby **enhancing profitability and food security**.

**CONSIDERING** the abundance of sports talent in the County, and the need to have the same exposed, the Committee duly approved the participation of 30 people from Homa Bay County to the **Kenya Youth Inter County Sports Association – KYISA 2023 Edition** in Chuka, Tharaka Nithi County from **22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April**. The games will bring together youth aged 19 to 23 Years from all over the country with all 47 Counties to participate in football, volleyball and basketball competitions.

**COGNIZANT** of the role of Cooperative Societies in public mobilization and stimulation of economic growth, the Committee leveraged on the need to strengthen the Cooperative movement in the County. Subsequently, the Committee approved quarterly meetings for the formation and strengthening of Cooperative Societies in the whole County. The meetings will be spearheaded by the Department of Trade, Industry, Tourism, Cooperatives and Marketing and will culminate to a Cooperatives Movement Day – Ushirika Day. In empowering the movements, the Committee emphasized the need to incorporate Boda Boda Groups as part of the mobilization campaign.

**TO FACILITATE** the existence of efficient, affordable and safe transport services as a prerequisite for facilitating integration and promotion of the economy through trade and wealth creation, the Executive Committee received for consideration in the next meeting, a Road and Transport Policy as presented by the Department of Roads, Public Works, Transport and Infrastructure. As the County commences the implementation of its Third Integrated Development Plan, it is important that the policy regime for development and management of the transport sub sector be developed, given the sub sector's position as a key pillar and critical enabler of other sectors in the achievement of the Nations Vision 2030 alongside the County Government's manifesto. The policy is themed around **Safe, Affordable and Efficient Transport Services for a Working County**.

**FINALLY** H.E the Governor reiterated her clarion commitment to the people of Homa Bay County on behalf of the CECMs that the Government remains committed to deliver on its promises even though economic times are strenuous, coupled with the prevailing socio-political challenges.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**