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World Wildlife Day Celebration In Baringo County.

Baringo county is rich in natural resources from Minerals, Forests, Wildlife and beautiful Topography. The County Government of Baringo has invested in initiatives that will sustainably exploit these resources in ways which will benefit not only the Citizens but the environment as well.

This years World Wildlife Day ceremony was marked under the theme; "Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining people and planet", it was commemorated in Kampi Samaki in Baringo North Sub County and officially presided over by H.E Stanley Kiptis. The Governor said that his focus is to empower communities to be able to improve their livelihoods through exploitation of the available natural resources.

"Integration of conservation and community development provide solutions that are directly affecting the people like human-wildlife conflict, climate change and desertification,"

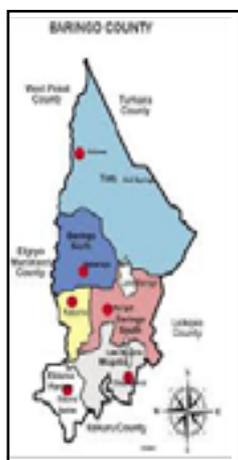
Governor Kiptis explained. Stakeholders were challenged to utilize natural resources without negatively affecting the environment.



H.E Stanley Kiptis having a jig with traditional Ilchamus dancers during the celebrations

Baringo County Conservancies Association (BCCA) facilitates the growth of conservancies that support wildlife conservation and other economic sustainable livelihoods activities thereby promoting healthy ecosystem.

The County has 11 community conservancies under BCCA which have continued to a remain safe haven for endangered species, promote peace and security and improve degraded environments.



Area: 11015km²
population :
666,763
As per the 2019
census



Governor Stanley Kiptis planting a tree at the event.



H.E Stanley Kiptis addressing the congregation at the event.

Progress Check Of Baringo Cha Coffee Mill



H.E Kiptis and H.E Chepkwony together with a delegation from the office of the Governor at the Baringo Cha coffee mill during the test-running exercise

Baringo County government is planning to empower coffee farmers to carry out value addition in order to increase economic benefits from the cash crop. Organic coffee farming is a lucrative business due to its global market demand.

While inspecting the Kshs 100 million modern Mill built by the County Government in collaboration with WorldBest Friend at Katimok in Baringo North ahead of its official opening later this month, Governor H.E Stanley Kiptis announced that they will support farmers not only to double production but also establish entrepreneurship facilities that can process the milled coffee into a finished product for local consumption.

The modern Plant has a Milling machine, Coffee lab, Warehouse and a marketing license to directly export coffee beans to Korean market.

“I acknowledge our close partnership with the Korean Investors, the National Government and Kenya Private Sector Alliance-Industrial (KPSA) because it has seen the coffee sector revived and created market linkages not only locally but internationally;”

**Baringo Governor
H.E Stanley Kiptis**

Once operational, the factory will enhance the livelihood of Baringo people through the sale of coffee and coffee products.

Farmers have been supported with coffee seedlings and fertilizers in order to motivate them double production across the County.

The tremendous increase coffee prices due to global demands has seen many people venture into the sector.

County Government Support

The county government had previously supplied more than 200,000 hybrid seedlings which can yield between 4kgs to 15kgs of cherry per tree under the ongoing expansion of coffee plantations across the County.

Farmers received 1500 bags of NPK fertilizer in order to boost their productivity where the beneficiaries of both the seedlings and fertilizers are active coffee farmers and members of cooperative societies.

Nong'onop revealed that their target is to produce a minimum of 100,000 tonnes of cherry translating to 15,000 tonnes of batchment coffee. If milled, it will produce 12,500 tonnes of clean coffee ready for marketing.

The County will closely work with the Korean investors, the National Government and Kenya Private Sector Alliance-Industrial (KPSA) to ensure that farmers get the best value for their produce.

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Saccos Upscale for better services to its Members

Like the rest of the world, Baringo County was greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic economically. Economic activities especially businesses in Baringo County are gradually recovering after being negatively affected by COVID-19 pandemic.

H.E Stanley Kiptis, the governor of Baringo County, presided over the official opening of the SKYLINE SACCO PLAZA at Eldama Ravine town which hosts the SACCO's offices, a bank, and a hotel together with several shops

thereby creating employment opportunities.



H.E Stanley Kiptis with Skyline sacco officials.

According to H.E Kiptis, his administration has invested heavily on increasing production in agricultural and livestock sectors which are leading source of livelihoods for most communities in the County.

“Our focus is to empower cooperative societies in order to support our farmers and agribusiness entrepreneurs grow the economy through various value chain investments,” he added.

He encouraged citizens to cultivate the culture of savings through stable saccos so as to boost their businesses and investments since they can access credit facilities.

Co-operatives societies creates jobs, sparks wealth creation for many ordinary fresh men and women from the learning institutions and propels towards economic development within the county and Kenya at large.

The County Government of Baringo focuses its attention to this sector and pledge full support to nurture the SACCOs, build their confidence and develop conducive environment to facilitate their growth.

Saccos enable farmers to create economies of scale in bargaining with financial institutions; this will assist in developing a saving culture and one to be able to commit part of the disposable income for the future.

Baringo County First Lady on PWDs

According to the Kenya National Survey for Persons with Disabilities (KNSPWD), 65% of PWDs regard the environment as a major problem in their daily lives.

The office of the first lady Baringo, in partnership with the President Lions club of Menengai Nakuru Rani Ramchandani and #1000stepsKiriukurui supported children living with disability from kabimoi in koibatek ward with wheelchairs to aid in their mobility and carrying out their daily activities.



From right, H.E Ivy Kiptis and from left, Rani Ramchandani posing for a group photo together with the children on the wheelchair

wheelchairs distributed to the children living with disabilities