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## Baringo Gold



*The deputy governor, H.E Jacob Chepkwony (2nd right), CEC- Agriculture and Ms Okshil inspecting coffee beans after milling at Baringo Cha Coffee mill*

Efforts towards operationalizing the Baringo Cha Coffee Mill has been completed after the Machine was successfully tested.

A consultative meeting with Implementation Committee at the factory's site in Katimok, Baringo North Sub County on the progress of the Mill which is 98% complete ahead of official launch of the project.

Baringo Coffee farmers can now mill their beans without being subjected to unnecessary costs which includes transportation, milling, warehouse and lab tests levied by other millers.

The modern Plant is able to mill 1.2 tonnes of coffee beans per hour



*Completed Coffee milling factory at Katimok, Baringo North sub-county.*

“We urge more farmers to double their efforts in coffee production so as to maximize the potential of the mill since there is already a ready market from South Korea due to the existing MOU between County government and KOICA.” noted H.E Chepkwony during the inspection mission.

The completed coffee factory is ready for commissioning where it will bring in employment opportunities for both farmers and people working in the facility.

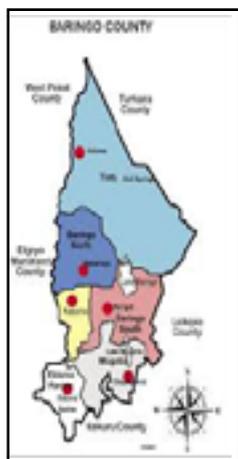


*Coffee factory at construction stage.*



*Assorted coffee beans.*

Since the advent of devolution, the area under coffee bushes has increased to 2,500 hectares from 800 hectares across the County with Baringo North having the highest number.



Area: 11015km<sup>2</sup>  
population :  
666,763  
As per the 2019  
census

## Baringo County Referral Hospital Maternal High Dependency Unit (HDU) and the New Born Unit (NBU) officially unveiled

The County government in conjunction with Safaricom Foundation team led by the trustee Madam Rita Okuthe officially launched the Kabarnet Referral Hospital Maternal High Dependency Unit (HDU) and the New Born Unit (NBU).

In a ceremony presided over by Governor Stanley Kiptis in the presence of Safaricom Trustee Madam Rita Okuthe and Health officials, the Governor reiterated the importance of reducing maternal deaths and infant mortality rates in Baringo County.



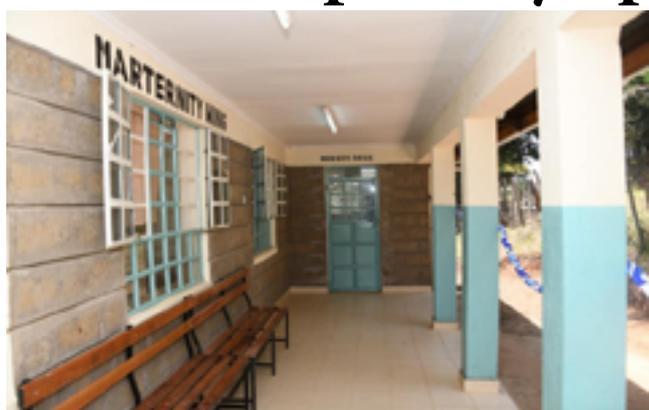
**High Dependency Unit (HDU)**

The facility will upgrade Maternal and Child Health services to a higher level, the renovation and equipping was to a tune of kshs 11 million.

While thanking Safaricom Foundation, the Governor posited that the facility will reduce referrals to other health care providers in neighbouring counties as the investment will see the hospital increase its bed capacity at the Maternal high dependency unit from the current 8 beds to 36.

Safaricom Foundation trustee, madam Rita Okuthe noted that they are committed to reducing infant mortality rate and providing the best maternal Health care.

## Kasisit dispensary upgraded to a health centre



During his development tour, Governor Kiptis visited Kapchego Water Project to assess the progress of the works in the equipment of the water source to aid in the provision of clean water to the community.



Health facilities upgrade is a step in the right direction towards the improvement of service delivery to the people.

H.E the Governor presided over the official opening of Kasisit health centre and later at Bartolimo Dispensary during the opening of the facility's laboratory in Baringo North Sub County.

