

# Multi - million water projects to improve food security in Elgeyo Marakwet County



The Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, ASALs and Regional Development, Beatrice Askul Moe, unveiling the commemorative plaque for the Chebagon Water Dam project.

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The Government has commissioned the Sh59 million Chebagon Dam and launched the Emsoo Water Distribution Network and School Greening Programme in Elgeyo Marakwet County. This move is expected to boost food security, household income, and environmental conservation in the region. The Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, ASALs, and Regional Development, Beatrice Askul Moe, who presided over the commissioning ceremony, lauded the project, a partnership between the national government and the Elgeyo Marakwet County Government.

She underscored the importance of water security in supporting agriculture, livestock rearing, and domestic

use. "Kenyans need water for many purposes—home consumption, food production, and for their livestock," said CS Askul. "The County Government has done its part, and we are planning to do even more, including installing elevated tanks to serve households farther from the water source," she added.

She also mentioned that the government, through the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA), will construct another dam at a cost of Sh100 million.

Governor Wisley Rotich welcomed the development, describing it as a much-needed intervention in a region with great agricultural potential but limited by water scarcity.

"This dam is a highly welcomed project. Our challenge has always been water," said Governor Rotich. "Our farms have

suffered, and incomes have been low. I appreciate KVDA for the excellent work they have done and urge them to expand this support," he said.

The governor encouraged residents to make the best use of the water by planting income-generating crops. "Let us plant seedlings that will generate income for our households. I also urge KVDA to expand their support by providing those seedlings," he added.

Governor Rotich emphasized the need for conservation, noting Elgeyo Marakwet's strategic importance as a water tower. "We supply water to almost 10 counties. The conservation of Elgeyo Marakwet is not only for our benefit but also for our neighbors," he said. Emsoo Water Distribution Network costed Sh41 million.

## Sauti SACCO urges retirees to renew membership to access loan benefits

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Retiring members of Sauti Savings and Credit Cooperative Society (SACCO) have been urged to renew their membership to continue enjoying easy access to affordable loans for personal development.

SACCO National Chair Mr. Elly Ndwigah explained that the law enacted by the Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (SASRA) requires that members withdraw all their shares upon retirement.

However, this does not prevent members from rejoining the SACCO to continue accessing affordable funds for self-advancement during retirement.

"We will have products tailored for retirees, noting that they can no longer access loans from the SACCO in the same way they did when they were in active employment," Ndwigah said.

He also noted that such members will be guided by separate regulations set by the SACCO, as they

no longer have the steady stream of income they once had.

The remarks were made in a speech read on his behalf by Board Member Mr. Milton Odhiambo Omondi during a members' education session in Nakuru for South Rift branch members.

He further noted that despite a decline in membership, the SACCO registered an increase in total loan uptake, from approximately Sh103 million in 2023 to over Sh135 million in 2024.

## Government targets maritime jobs to combat youth unemployment

BY STEPHEN MRIRA, KNA

Labour Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred Mutua has urged the youth to embrace the maritime sector as one of the major avenues for employment.

Speaking at an induction workshop for the Seafarers' and Wages Council in Kilifi, Dr. Mutua said that apart from fishing, there are numerous job opportunities in the maritime sector, including

cargo transportation and cruise ship operations.

Dr. Mutua stated that the government is in the process of issuing seafarers' identification documents, which will enable them to work in foreign countries.

"Just like in any other profession, a critical issue for seafarers is the Seafarers' Identity Document (SID). Without this document, securing employ-

ment opportunities abroad in the maritime sector is extremely difficult. I will ensure that those without it receive the necessary support to obtain it and unlock access to jobs overseas," he said.

He emphasized the need to address the unique challenges faced by seafarers and commended the extensive groundwork laid to establish the Seafarers' Wages Council.



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