



Manifesto Promises

1. We promise visionary leadership and an all-inclusive governance system
2. We promise to provide water in all the wards
3. We promise to improve agriculture for food and cash for all households
4. We promise to develop world-class tourism in the County
5. We promise first-class education for all our children
6. We promise to improve the roads in all Wards
7. We promise better health care services for all
8. We promise to modernize all towns
9. We promise to promote entrepreneurship and attract private investments to the County
10. We promise to empower the youth of Meru
11. We promise to empower our Women
12. We promise to uplift Persons Living with Disabilities
13. We promise to promote Kimeru culture, traditions, songs, and dances
14. We promise to improve environmental conservation



VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND ALL-INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM

THE PROMISE:



THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF MERU COUNTY UNDER KIRAITU MURUNGI'S LEADERSHIP WILL BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL; IT WILL BE CONSULTATIVE AND INVOLVE THE PEOPLE AND THEIR LEADERS IN DECISION-MAKING, RIGHT FROM THE WARD TO COUNTY LEVEL. KIRAITU WILL DEAL RUTHLESSLY WITH ALL FORMS OF CORRUPTION TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE GET VALUE FOR THEIR MONEY. WE SHALL ENSURE EACH CONSTITUENCY GETS ATLEAST ONE CEC MEMBER, ONE CHIEF OFFICER AND ONE DIRECTOR.

BELOW: Governor Kiraitu Murungi with members of the County Assembly.



VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND ALL-INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM

I Promised Establishment of Meru Economic And Social Council (MESOC)

The Governor visualized a 20- year Meru's development plan towards a middle-income society.

High level inclusive and permanent think tank for socio-economic transformation of Meru County. MESOC was formed under the able chair, Amb. Francis Muthaura.



The Vision is an endeavor to reorganize the greater Meru economy towards prosperity and specialization - KIRAITU

M E R U
V I S I O N

2040



MESOC Chairman, Amb. Francis Muthaura with Governor Kiraitu.

AT A GLANCE

The Meru Economic and Social Council (MESOC) was the think tank behind the Meru Vision 2040. A development strategy to guide Meru development for the next 20 years.

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VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND ALL-INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM

Keeping the word



Governor Kiraitu Murungi Addresses all development Committees and boards during their annual meeting.

People's Governor meet MCAs, Religious Leaders and Traders

Kiraitu believes that the primary responsibility of development falls squarely on the shoulders of the people themselves. The people of Meru must take control of their own lives. With this in mind, he set up various County, Sub County and Ward level Development Committees and Boards comprising of county, national and community leaders from across the county to help him in decision making at all level administrative units.



The governor has been working closely with all leaders from national and the county assembly to fast-track development and to foster unity across the county

AT A GLANCE

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WATER IN ALL WARDS AND ERADICATING 'WATER POVERTY' IN MERU COUNTY

THE PROMISE:



I PROMISED TO DO THIS BY SINKING AT LEAST 5 (FIVE) BOREHOLES IN EVERY WARD. I ALSO PROMISED TO COOPERATE WITH THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THE CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS ON ALL MAJOR RIVERS.



WATER IN ALL WARDS AND ERADICATING 'WATER POVERTY' IN MERU COUNTY

Water For All



Meru Governor Kiraitu Murungi (centre) and his Deputy Titus Ntuchiu (left) commission a borehole at Ngaremara in Special Ward. Photo by PHOEBE OKALL/GOVERNOR'S PRESS UNIT.

AT A GLANCE

2,000

■ At least 2000 households have benefited from Over 20 mega gravity water flagship projects

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■ 900 community water projects so far benefiting from tanks, water intakes and pipes through Ward Development Fund.



A farmer in Ruiri Rwarera Ward picking spinach from his shamba. Previously the areas plagued with poverty due to the semi-arid climate and adequate rainfall. The area with over 10 boreholes has seen an increase in food production.

HISTORY MADE AS WATER DEPARTMENT SINKS 181 BOREHOLES

The Water Department has sunk 181 boreholes, equipped them with required machinery and are now distributing water to over 30,000 households across the county.

Over 20 mega gravity water flagship projects like Iraru, Kiija, Mutethia, Tumutumu, Maua Water Supply, Laare Water Supply and Nturukume have been constructed, each benefiting at least 2000 households and with about 900 community water projects so far benefiting from tanks, water intakes and pipes through Ward Development Fund.



Water For All



Meru Municipality Water Woes Solved

With high density water pipes installed, water scarcity in municipality and its environs has been sorted.

DID YOU KNOW

- Among 34 big major water companies in Kenya Mewass(Meru Water and Sewerage Services) ranks among the best in terms of water quality, operations and management?
- Over 20 mega gravity flagship water projects constructed, each benefiting atleast 2000 households.
- Water Department has sunk 181 boreholes distributing water to over 30,000 households.
- Over 900 Community projects have benefitted from tanks, intakes and pipes through Ward development fund.



Ruirir Rwarera MCA Peter 'Kalembe' Mutuma shows Meru County Chief of StaŸ, Gideon Kimathi, some of the positive impacts of the 'Kiraitu Boreholes' in the area.



Water For All

 **550**

HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE
BENEFITED FROM MERU URBAN
WATER EXTENSION PROJECT
SPEARHEADED BY GOVERNOR
KIRAITU MURUNGI.

While launching the water project at Gikumene crossroads, Mewass CEO Joseph Mberia said the project will serve atleast 5 people per household translating to over 2000 population, adding this was one of the 100 day Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) that kicked off in November last year.

The Corporation has in the same arrangements also constructed Muriri water project that will serve the people of Muriri and Karama, as well as Rwanyambo serving residents in Meru Technical environs. Sarah Karambu and Nancy Kobia are some of the residents who expressed an anticipation of a better future with the water project. Karambu particularly thanked the county leadership saying the water will promote her rental business since tenants earlier on would oftenly vacate the rooms due to water scarcity.

THE SCORECARD

	LAST REGIME (IN 5 YEARS)	KIRAITU'S REGIME (IN 3 YEARS)
Boreholes Constructed & functional	35 functional boreholes	181 functional boreholes
Pipes distributed (households)		Over 5,000 new connections (over Ksh 270M)
		Pipes Distributed

IMPROVE AGRICULTURE FOR FOOD AND CASH FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS

THE PROMISE:

I PROMISED THAT AT LEAST 20 PER CENT OF THE COUNTY REVENUE IN AGRICULTURE TO ENSURE THAT MERU COUNTY IS FOOD SECURE AND THAT HOUSEHOLDS HAVE SUSTAINABLE INCOMES. I PROMISED TO ESTABLISH MERU COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF INCREASING HOUSEHOLD INCOMES.



BELOW: Meru County Governor Kiraitu Murungi distributing seedlings to farmers.



IMPROVE AGRICULTURE FOR FOOD AND CASH FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS

AGRI-CULTURE



Governor Kiraitu & Korean Ambassador to Kenya H.E. Choi Yeonghan during the launch of the Meru-KOPIA poultry and potato project

AT A GLANCE

4,000

Over 4000 farmers have been trained and now reaping big from over 11,000 30-day- old chicks that were distributed.



Indigenous Chicken Rearing Started

The county government through partnership with KOPIA project meant to improve indigenous chicken rearing, constructed a hatchery unit at Ntaalami, in Kianjai-Tigania West. Under the program.

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Some of the items including laptops and motorbikes were handed over to residents under the KOPIA project.

IMPROVE AGRICULTURE FOR FOOD AND CASH FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS

AGRI- CULTURE



Governor Launches Potato Cooperatives

Did you Know?

Meru has the best potato cooperative unions in the country? Thanks to Governor Kiraitu who launched the cooperatives in line with his manifesto.



County agricultural officer checks the received batch of semen from the UK.

Kianjai Residents Excited by New Livestock Yard

A Livestock market has been constructed in Kianjai. Another stock yard has been completed in Mulika, with renovation of Ngundune yard complete.



Deputy Governor Titus Ntunghu officially opens a Milk cooling plant. The project sort to help dairy farmers increase output and store milk longer.



Animal Vaccination.



Meru County Governor Kiraitu Murungi distributing Macadamia seedlings to farmers.

IMPROVE AGRICULTURE FOR FOOD AND CASH FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS

AGRI-CULTURE



Construction of Ntharene Banana Market a Game Changer

Increased banana production across the county, necessitated the need for constructing a ultra modern banana market to help reduce post harvest losses and help meet the national market needs for Meru's banana fruits.

Through the National Agriculture & Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NaRIGP) the county government kicked off the construction of shillings 95 Million Ntharene Banana market in South Imenti Subcounty

Banana Farming

MORE THAN 42% OF BANANAS CONSUMED IN KENYA COME FROM MERU MAKING IT THE LEADING PRODUCER OF BANANAS IN THE COUNTRY.



RUIRI RWARERA: Governor Kiraitu Murungi touring some of the farms that have benefited from the borehole project.

High Yield Expected Due to Distribution of Quality Seedlings

210,000 seedlings of hass avocado, 81,000 macadamia seedlings alike, distributed across the county, have also significantly boosted farming around the two value chains.



AT A GLANCE

- Kiraitu's administration has distributed over 50,000 kilograms of maize seeds and 30,000 pulses to farmers across the county. The governor has also issued over 130 kilograms of green grams seeds in order to boost food security in dry areas.
- Poultry farmers have benefitted with 47,000 vaccine doses while cattle farmers have benefitted with 600,000 vaccine doses

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AGRI-CULTURE

Grass Seeds & Semen



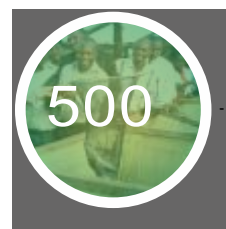
AT A GLANCE

■ 210,000 seedlings of hass avocado, 81,000 seedlings of macadamia, 30,000 Pulses, 130 Kg green gram seeds, 47,000 and 600,000 poultry & cattle vaccines respectively, 7 tones of grass seeds and 8000 hybrid semen doses have been distributed to boost farming and improve farmer incomes.

7 tonnes of grass seeds were distributed to farmers across the county to support livestock farming. The county also gave out 8000 hybrid semen doses.

Fish Farming Takes Shape in Meru

Through Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP) 2600 fish farmers are being sensitized with the fish farming and being facilitated to do farming commercially or semi-commercially. 500 youths have been supported to start fisheries related enterprises.



NUMBER OF YOUTHS WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED TO START FISHERIES RELATED ENTERPRISES



Meru Deputy Governor Titus Ntuchiu flags off Fish transporting trucks and 10 commercial coolers to support fish farming in Meru. The government has supported Youths through the Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP).



IMPROVE AGRICULTURE FOR FOOD AND CASH FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS



Funding Small Farmers To Realize Their Dreams



DID YOU KNOW

- 500 small farmers group funded to a tune of Ksh. 206 million, 7 Producer Groups to a tune of ksh 75million and Ksh. 50million for sustainable land management investment.

The County Government has through the NARIGP project funded 580 small farmer groups to a tune of Ksh 206 million. It has also funded 7 Producer Groups to a tune of ksh 75million.

Additionally, My Government has funded a Multi-Community Infrastructural: Ntharene Banana Market to a tune of ksh 95million.

We also released KShs 50million towards Sustainable Land Management Investment: Kaelo, Ntua, Igane, Ntunene, Kathithi and Chura projects.



Governor Kiraitu Murungi issuing cheques through the NARIGP project.

IMPROVED ROADS IN ALL WARDS



THE PROMISE:



I PROMISED TO REHABILITATE AND MAINTAIN EXISTING AND NEGLECTED COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF MERU COUNTY ROADS BOARD (MCRB).

Mechanical Transport Fund (MTF)

Governor Kiraitu launching road projects across the county. Mechanical Transport Fund (MTF) Project equipment, comprising of 30 heavy road graders and other machinery which were to go to all Sub Counties for the commencement of works.



IMPROVED ROADS IN ALL WARDS



Bridge constructed through Ward Development Fund in Thangatha Ward, Tigania East.



438.2
KMS

KILO METERS OF ROADS COMPLETED, 1500 GABIONS ERECTED AND OVER 20 BRIDGES BUILT ACROSS THE COUNTY.

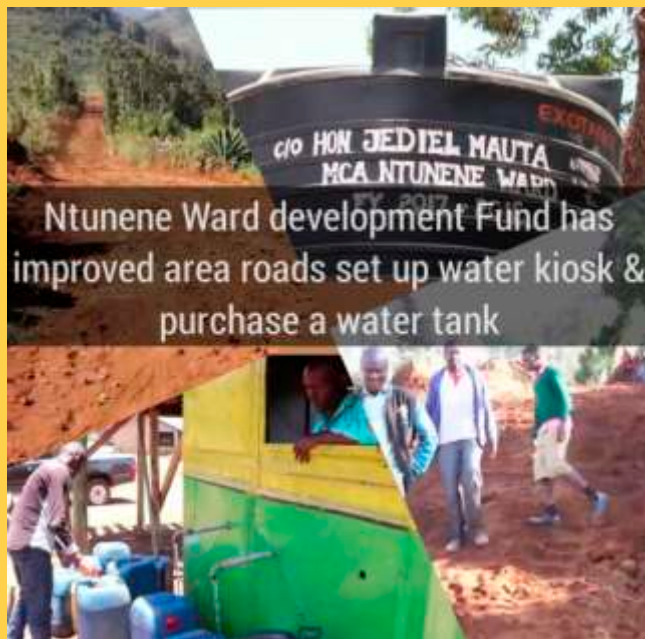
Before and After images of abridge constructed through Ward Development Fund.

IMPROVED ROADS IN ALL WARDS



TOP: Cathedral - Level 5 Hospital Road. One of the many road projects developed under the leadership of Governor Kiraitu Murungi.

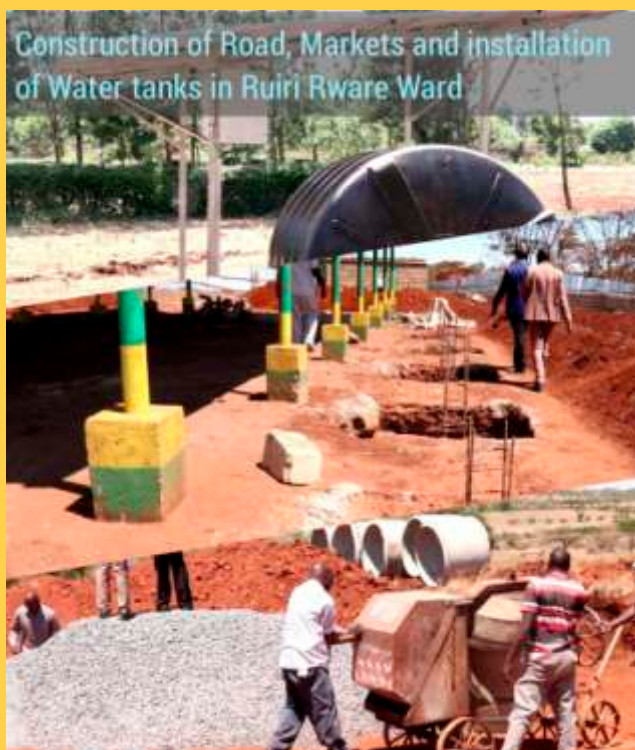
SOME OF THE PROJECTS UNDER WARD DEVELOPMENT FUND (WDF) INITIATIVE



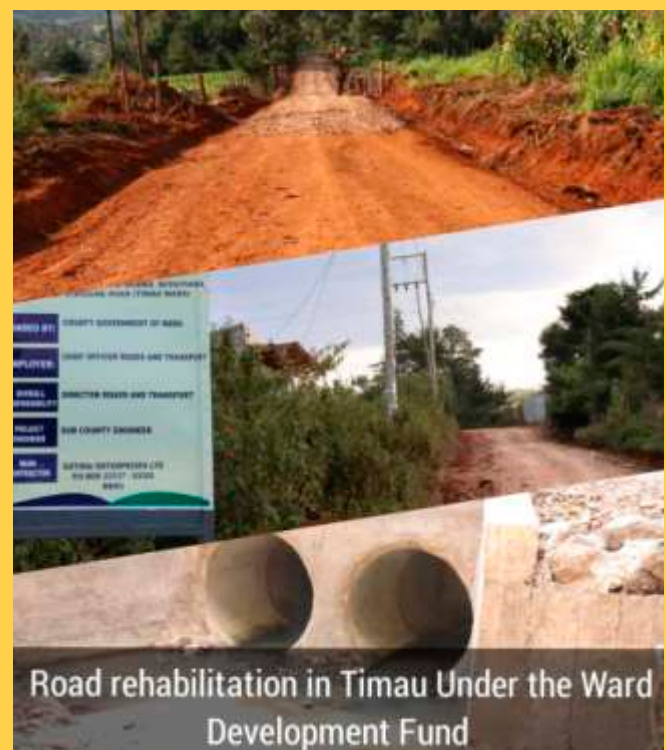
Ntunene Ward Development Fund has improved area roads, set up water Kiosks and purchased water tanks.



MCA Gitari of Akirang'ondue Ward has graded some of the area roads and purchased a water tank to improve water supply.

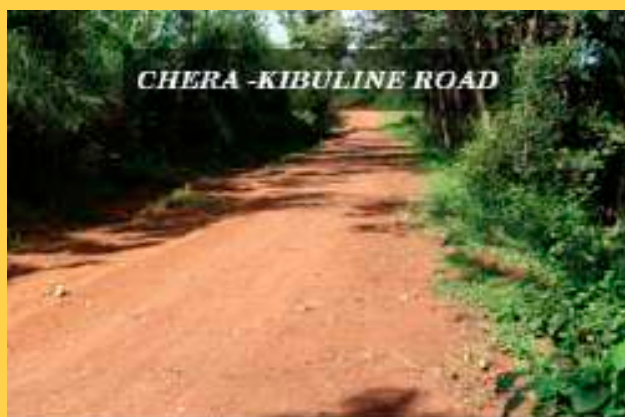


Construction of roads, markets and installation of water tanks in Ruiri Rware Ward.



Road rehabilitation in Timau under the Ward Development Fund.

SOME OF THE PROJECTS UNDER WARD DEVELOPMENT FUND (WDF) INITIATIVE



Some of the successfully completed projects in Mbeu Ward, under Governor Kiraitu's Ward Development Fund.

SOME OF THE PROJECTS UNDER WARD DEVELOPMENT FUND (WDF) INITIATIVE



NKOMO WARD:

Some of the projects completed under Governor Kiraitu's Ward Development Fund.



Kibirichia Ward Development Fund has helped leveling of roads and has improved road drainage systems.

IMPROVED ROADS IN ALL WARDS



Better & Safer Roads for Meru

I am happy to report that my Government has completed 438.2 kms of roads. We have also managed to erect 1500 gabions and over 20 bridges have been built across the county.

INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

- Meru has qualified for an infrastructure improvement grant for informal settlement through the Governor's eYort.



LIGHTING OUR TOWNS AND MARKET CENTRES FOR PROSPERITY



Lighting our Towns and Market Centres for Prosperity

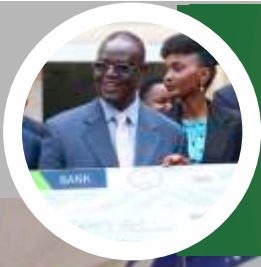
In order to promote a 24hour economy and enhanced good and secure trading environment, 379 floodlights have been installed with 29 High masts alike, distributed across the various towns and market centres across the county.

FIRST CLASS EDUCATION FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

THE PROMISE:



I PROMISED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN OUR SCHOOLS.



ECDE milk

Governor Kiraitu distributes the County Government-funded ECDE milk to a student of Gitoro Primary during the Milk distribution drive.

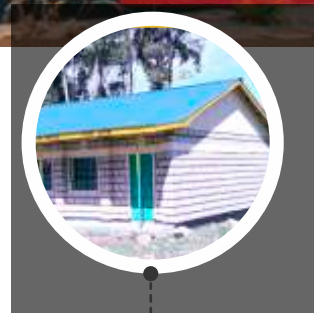
FIRST CLASS EDUCATION FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN



Exceptional Efficiency as Modern ECDE classes constructed

The Governor has revolutionized infrastructure & social development in education sector. 273 ECDE classes have been constructed at an average cost of Kshs. 750,000 per class relatively cheaper compared to Kshs 1.2 million per class costing for the last regime.

Some more good news is that 19 lavatories have been built across County Schools and desks for 25 centres procured. County government has also built 40 workshops and 3 ablution blocks for Vocational centres.



273
ECDE
classes

NUMBER
OF ECDE
CLASSES THAT
HAVE BEEN
CONSTRUCTED

FIRST CLASS EDUCATION FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

Before



After



Athimba
ECDE
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FIRST CLASS EDUCATION FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN



Before and after images of Kamwelini ECDE Class

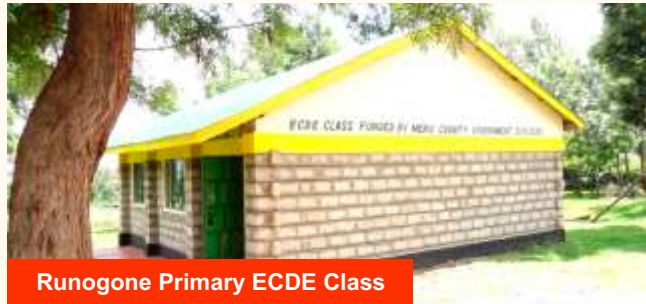


Kiraitu believes that time has come for us to shift from quantity to quality and from quality to excellence. In this regard the county has purchased ECDE teaching and learning materials.

AT A GLANCE

- 273 ECDE classes have been constructed at an average cost of Kshs. 750,000 per class relatively cheaper compared to Kshs 1.2 million per class costing for the last regime.
- 400 ECDE teachers confirmed on pensionable terms.
- Over Ksh.432 Million bursary fund benefitted more than 141,000 learners.

COMPLETED ECDE CLASSES



Runogone Primary ECDE Class



Murera Primary,
Athiru Rujine Ward ECDE Class
#MakingMeruGreat



Kamugwe Primary
Antubetwe Kiongo Ward



Murera Primary,
Athiru Rujine Ward ECDE Class
#MakingMeruGreat



Kamugwe Primary, Akirangondu
ECDE Class



St. Martin's kabaituri,
Antuambui Ward ECDE Class



Miriki Primary, Akiongo Ward
ECDE Class

FIRST CLASS EDUCATION FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

Millions worth of Bursaries Disbursed

In the last three years, over Kshs 432 Million bursary fund have been disbursed to needy children thus ensuring uninterrupted learning. Records show the bursaries benefited 141,981 learners.

Accrding to the CEC in Charge, Linner Nkirote, apart from bursary distribution, by the end of this financial year, the construction of over 369 ECDE Centres will have been completed.



Good News to ECDE Teachers

400 ECDE teachers were confirmed on pensionable terms while provision of free ECDE milk in schools has reported a positive index in the school enrolment and retention, as well as increased kids ability to comprehend and concentrate in class.

	LAST REGIME (IN 5 YEARS)	KIRAITU'S REGIME(IN 3YEARS)
ECDE Classes Constructed	100 complete	273 Classes @ Ksh 750,000 each, 19 Lavatory(Toilets),Desks(25 centers), 2 kitchens, 2water tanks, 1 library
ECDE Milk Distribution	0	776 Centers(over 62,000 children)
Vocational Training Centers setup (VTC)	20 workshops, 1 hostel	44 Workshops, 3 ablution blocks & 2 hostels

**KSH
432 M**

432 MILLION BURSARY FUND HAVE BEEN DISBURSED TO NEEDY CHILDREN IN THE LAST THREE YEARS

BETTER HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR ALL



THE PROMISE:



I PROMISED CREATION OF MERU COUNTY HEALTH BOARD AND SUB-COUNTY HEALTH BOARDS COMPOSED OF HEALTH PRACTITIONERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.



Meru County first lady Priscilla Murungi has officially opened a histopathological laboratory at the Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital in partnership with International Cancer Institute . The laboratory is fully equipped with diagnostic machines, a pathologist and an oncologist.

Meru County Government opened the first Cancer Histopathology Laboratory in the region

Meru County Government has opened the first Cancer Histopathology Laboratory at Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital (MeTRH) becoming the first public hospital to have such an advanced diagnostic equipment.

The laboratory has relieved patients from Meru and neighbouring counties from travel and accommodation costs they spent to and from Nairobi and abroad for biopsy services. The equipments installed offers quality testing for cancer to give the much needed diagnosis results.



DID YOU KNOW

- Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital is the first public hospital to have a histopathology lab?

Cancer Patients will no longer travel to Nairobi or elsewhere to seek cancer testing and treatment

BETTER HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR ALL



COMING SOON

250-Bed Storey Block

■ The Meru skyline will have a new ultra modern view when a 5-storey ward block with 250 bed capacity is complete. The new storey block will decongest the Meru Teaching and Referral hospital (MeTRH)

The block will be completed by June 2021

County Hospital Oxygen Demands Met with Newly Opened Plant

An oxygen plant with a capacity of 480 liters per minute was opened to ensure constant and adequate supply of oxygen to all hospitals in the county. The new Plant replaced the previous one which had a paltry capacity of 90litres a minute.

90LT PER MINUTE

Oxygen produced by the previous plant.

480LT PER MINUTE

Oxygen being produced by the current plant.

Before



After



Newly Installed 480 litre per minute Oxygen plant at Meru Level 5 hospital. Being the only referral hospital in the region servicing 4 counties, the oxygen plant will help the facility's in production of the required oxygen.



Laparoscopy Machine at Meru level IV hospital. The facility is among the first Govt. Facility with functional laparoscopy machine



Meru Level 5 CT Scan



Dyalysis Machines at Meru Level 5 hospital

BETTER HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR ALL

Better Health Care Services For All



New ICU, HDU & Renal Units

An ICU, HDU and a Renal unit have been constructed. This is a great relieve to the Meru community and the neighbouring counties since most referrals can be handled at the Meru Level Five Hospital.



The completed ICU, HDU & Renal ward



Students at the Kanyakine KMTTC. Through an MoU signed by Meru Governor Kiraitu Murungi, 2 more facilities are being set up in the County.

Funding Vital Medical Training Centres

I am happy to report that 3 KMTCs, among them Kangeta and Kanyakine have been funded by the county in partnership with the National Government



The completed ICU, HDU & Renal Wing at the Meru Level Five Hospital. The facility, a first for Meru, will help reduce trips to Medical facilities in Nairobi

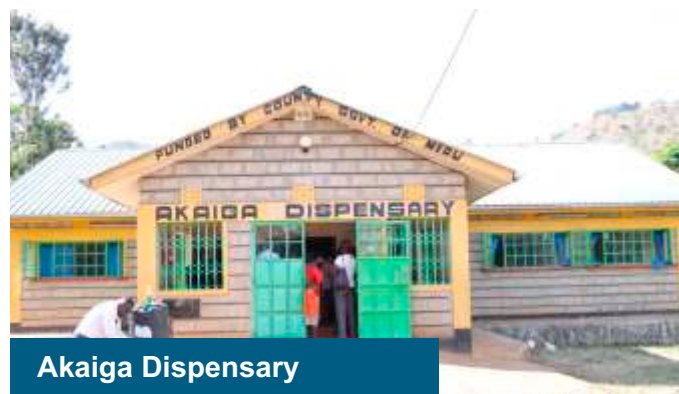
BETTER HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR ALL

Medical Services Comes Closer to people With More Dispensaries Built

In quest for accessible, affordable and quality healthcare Meru County has built over 50 dispensaries.



Muruuta Dispensary



Akaiga Dispensary



Athwana Dispensary



Ndoleri Dispensary



Mwichiune Dispensary



Muruguma Dispensary

Newly Built Theatres

Timau, Mutuati, Kanyakine and Muthara have benefited from the Governors leadership with newly built theatres

	LAST REGIME (IN 5 YEARS)	KIRAITU'S REGIME (IN 3 YEARS)
Ward Blocks Constructed		4-storey Mother & Child Wing
Oxygen Produced(oxygen plant)	0	Produces 480lt per minute
ICU, HDU & Renal wards set up	0	1
Dispensaries constructed		50 dispensaries
KMTC	0	3
Oncology Ward	0	1
Surgical Theatres	0	3 set up(Timau, Mutuati & Mutharaa)
Cancer Research Institute	0	Set up Meru's 1st Cancer Institute

CONDUCTIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT TO PROMOTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INVESTMENTS IN MERU

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Muungu Women's Group is one of the many Women Groups that benefit from the Twaweza Program.

Meru County Twaweza, Women Empowerment program Launched

Meru County Twaweza, Women empowerment program is the outcome of this big dream, spearheaded by the Meru County Government under the County First Lady H.E Priscilla Murungi. The program is the dawning dream of the governor to promote financial literacy, gender equality, rights, cultural values and enhances women political participation...

More Skills Gained in Entrepreneurship and Agribusiness

In the spirit of economic empowerment, over 2000 women across the county, have been trained on entrepreneurship and agribusiness with a seed capital of Kshs 9 million provided to create a revolving fund to foster an economic power base for new entrepreneurial ventures



Meru County First Lady, Priscilla Murungi giving her maiden speech at a 3-day seminar launching the Twaweza Program. She is the patron to the outfit that seeks to uplift women in society.



Meru County First Lady, Priscilla Murungi issuing cheques to women groups through the Twaweza project.

CONDUCTIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT TO PROMOTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INVESTMENTS IN MERU



The Meru County Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGVB) policy document launch.

Make Peace, Not War: Meru Launches Sexual & Gender-Based Violence Policy

Another reason to celebrate as Meru becomes the first county in Kenya to launch a Sexual & Gender Based Violence policy. The policy addresses prevention, response, coordination and monitoring efforts centered on the fight against Gender Based Violence.

AT A GLANCE

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The Meru Twaweza Programme Seminar led by Governor Kiraitu Murungi, Meru First Lady Priscilla Murungi and Margaret Kobia, CS for Ministry of Public Service and Gender. Currently over Ksh 5M has been channeled to various groups.

GENDER EMPOWERMENT UNDER KIRAITU'S REGIME

Women Empowerment Program	Meru Women Twaweza Program
Funds Channeled to women(revolving fund)	Ksh. 9M released
Sexual & Gender Based Violence policy.	Launched and implemented

EMPOWERING THE YOUTH OF MERU

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Meru Youth Service (MYS)

The Governor promised to empower the youth of Meru by establishing the MYS program. The program was to radically transform the Meru youth.



MYS Takes County by Storm

In line with his promise, Kiraitu launched the MYS Program with all structures in place including legislation in order to ensure the program was anchored in law.



EMPOWERING THE YOUTH OF MERU



Mass Youth Recruitment

Over 2000 youths have been recruited from all the 45 wards and have underwent mindset and attitude change while the second cohort of 600 still undergoing vocational training. The youth have received intensive training on technical skills like hairdressing, catering, plumbing, carpentry, masonry and electrical engineering



EMPOWERING THE YOUTH OF MERU



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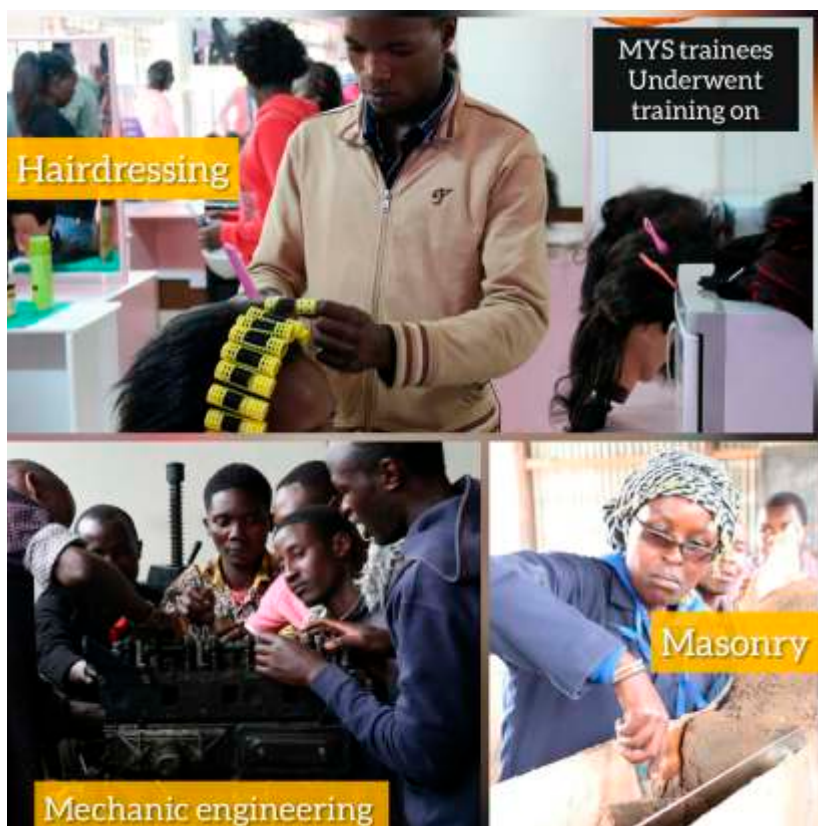


After

Street Children rehabilitated

Through the MYS umbrella, 150 street children have been rescued from different towns and undergone through a rehabilitation process. Some underwent hands-on life changing skills training like painting and are ready for the job market.

Among them, those with secondary level education will be enrolled for advanced courses at the Meru National Polytechnic while the under age have been absorbed in primary school. The remaining lot will be enrolled for vocational training across the county vocational centers for the much needed technical training.



Hairdressing

MYS trainees Underwent training on

Mechanic engineering

Masonry



Start Up Tools, Job Opportunities

Some Youths have been given business start-up tools, others secured job opportunities in disciplined forces, hospitality industry, self-employment and construction companies.

IMPROVEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

THE PROMISE:



I PROMISED TO PROTECT OUR FORESTS AND PROMOTE AGRO-FORESTRY ACROSS THE COUNTY IN ORDER TO IMPROVE OUR FOREST COVER, PROTECT OUR WATER TOWERS AND PROTECT THE WILDLIFE NATURAL HABITAT.

20%

Tree cover targeted in the County by the year 2022

The current forest cover stands at 18% but with majority of the 39 gazetted hills in the County being bare.



Public Hills Gazetted & River Conserved

I am happy to report that my Government has gazetted 39 public hills with 2 being rehabilitated. The important River Mariara has been conserved through planting of gigantic bamboos. We have also established a very busy and prospective Bamboo Nursery in Gitoro.

Modern, Efficient Waste Management

To promote proper waste management the county bought a skip Loader Truck and 7 huge bins which are placed in strategic places in various towns.

Town Boards Responsible for Garbage Management

Governor Kiraitu has instituted Town Boards which are responsible for the management of waste in their respective towns. Small markets across the market also have market association committees in charge of social order.

MODERNIZING ALL TOWNS



THE PROMISE:



I PROMISED TO ENSURE THAT ALL OUR TOWNS AND URBAN AREAS ARE PROPERLY PLANNED. I PROMISED TO CREATE TOWN COUNCILS AND MANAGEMENT BOARDS. I PROMISED TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND ROADS IN ALL OUR TOWNS AND URBAN CENTRES.



Town Management Boards Formed

My Government formed strong Town Management Boards comprising local business community to ensure revenue collected is retained in respective town for its development.

Town Centres Planning

I am happy to report completion of integrated planning of Nkubu, Timau, Maua Githongo, Njiru, Muthaara and Laare.



154 Modern Kiosks Excites Small Traders

- To promote entrepreneurship and attract private investments in the County, my Government put up and allocated 154 modern kiosks to traders.

Over 500 Stalls Makutano Fresh Produce Market To Employ Thousands

The county administration is establishing a modern multifaceted fresh produce retail market at Makutano- Meru Municipality.

The drive seeks to promote a conducive trading environment through improved sanitation, enhanced Social order, reduced traffic, create ample parking space, and ultimately improve revenue accrued. The market will directly benefit over 500 traders operating at the makutano roads interchange and over 10,000 population indirectly.

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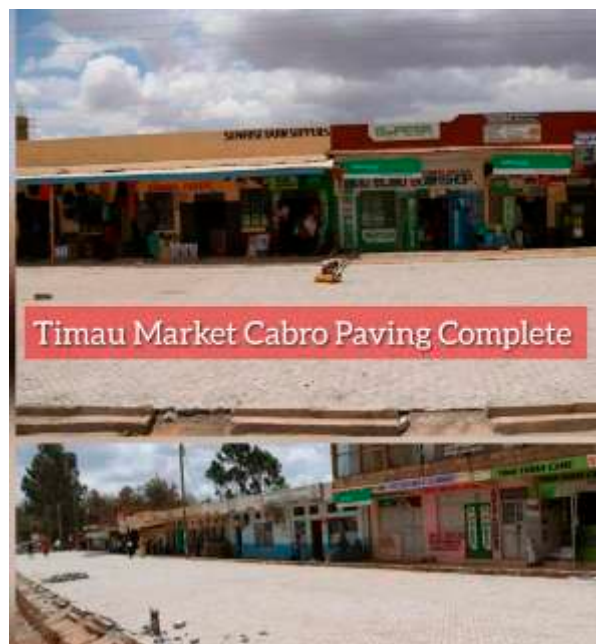
Maua Cabro works.



Nkubu street upgrade.



Laare Street upgrade.



Timau Market Cabro Paving Complete

MODERNIZING ALL TOWNS

Small Towns too Not Left Behind

While the major attention has been on the Bix Six, small towns have also seen major upgrade with Loop Roads in Kiirua, Kibiricia, Kithirune, Gatimbi, Kionyo, Nkubu, Micuine, Kinoro, Kangeta, Antubetwe, Kanyakine, Kiutine Kiguchwa and Nchiru paved.

Upgraded
Kianjai
Market



Kionyo Market



Kithirune Market

KIRAITU'S REGIME(IN 3YEARS) ON TRADE

Registered Market development associations (MDAs)	200 MDAs set up	Market Lighting Mast	29 light masts
Modernized Kiosks	157 Kiosk balloted	Floodlights across the county	379 floodlights
Cabro paved Markets	Over 29 markets	Ntarene Banana Market	Under construction
		500 stall Makutano Market	Under construction
		Potato Storage facility	Completed

MODERNIZING ALL TOWNS



Kiutine Market



Maua Market



Nkubu Market



Kiirua Market



Mwichiune Market



Antubetwe Market

MODERNIZING ALL TOWNS

‘Big Six’ Towns Upgraded to Cabro Standard

Modernization, proper planning and creation of dust free towns and urban areas has been the pursuit for Meru’s government since August 2017. A keen concentration on the ‘big six’ has seen Meru, Laare, Maua Mikinduri, Nkubu and Timau towns upgraded to Cabro standards.

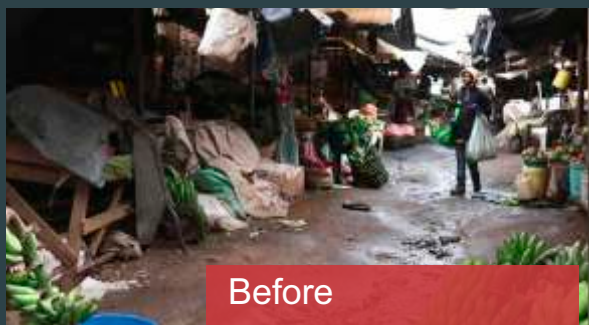


Initially, the traders at the Gakoromone Market had to bare with the muddy terrain but that has changed as the whole market is dustless.





◀
Cabro
works in
Meru Town.



Makutano Market

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MODERNIZING ALL TOWNS



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Getting Pro-active Against Disaster Management

They say failing to plan is planning to fail. In order to be ready to handle any disaster, my Government built and renovated Fire Stations, bought 3 Fire Engines and an Oxygen Concentrator.

Disaster Handles Faster, Professionally

With the above acquisitions, I am contented to report that Meru County Disaster has been able to respond to emergencies quite faster and efficiently. We have responded to around 25 fires, numerous road traffic accidents and those involving Human-Animal Conflicts.

DID YOU KNOW

- In 2019 the Meru County Fire Fighting Service was ranked Number 1 in Kenya at the Annual Fire Fighters Symposium?



Governor Kiraitu inspects the guard of honor of the Meru Fire department. Previously the fire department team was under contract but due to the job-risk, they are all under permanent & pensionable.

More Employment Opportunities for Our People

More than half of the staffs in the Fire Department were employed on casual basis but through the Governor initiative they have been absorbed on permanent pensionable terms.

DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD CLASS TOURISM IN THE COUNTY

THE PROMISE:

“IN MY MANIFESTO, I ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MERU HAS A LOT TO OFFER THE WORLD AND PROMISED TO AGGRESSIVELY MARKET THE COUNTY AS A WORLD-CLASS TOURIST DESTINATION.



DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD CLASS TOURISM IN THE COUNTY

Mountain Run



AT A GLANCE

- Dubbed Mt Kenya run, the race raised Ksh 8m towards the proposed Meru County Cancer Research Institute with over 3,000 participants.
- Mt. Kenya run has since been slotted on the Athletic Kenya calendar?

Inaugural Africa's Major Mountain Run a Great Success

Meru county planned and hosted Africa's major Mountain run. The race up Mt. Kenya opened up the mountain terrain to pro-athletes preparing for high altitude races whilst allowing the public to enjoy the rare views.



DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD CLASS TOURISM IN THE COUNTY



Themwe Route Opened for Safari Rally, 4x4 Challenges

Themwe route was opened for investment opportunities, mountain tourism activities and to market Mt. Kenya.

"I am happy to report that several Mt. Kenya 4 by 4 adventure and camping challenges and Safari Rallies have been successfully held through this special route." - Kiraitu Murungi

OLD MOSES CAMP



KIRAITU'S REGIME(IN 3YEARS) ON TOURISM

- Mt Kenya Run
- Marketed the New Themwe route (Lake Ellis Camping)
- 4x4 Race to Lake Ellis
- Sacred Lake Nkunga Reclamation
- Community based tourism organization trainings(Improved standards of service in the hotel and hospitality industry)

Governor Kiraitu Murungi and President Uhuru Kenyatta (Right) at the Old Moses Camp. Located at an elevation of 3300m, the Old Moses Mountain Hut is where most hikers spend their first night of the trek. Governor Kiraitu has been promoting Mountain tourism and has been spearheaded many partnership programs all aimed at developing the county as Kenya's No 1 Tourist Destination.

DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD CLASS TOURISM IN THE COUNTY



Camping at lake Ellis



The scenic route up to Mount Kenya's Lake Ellis dubbed Themwe route officially opened.



The Meru 4x4 Challenge which saw rally drivers race up Mount Kenya to Lake Ellis.

Tourism Partnerships with key External Stakeholders

The County government has spearheaded many partnership programs with NGOs, National government agencies, foreign countries and other stakeholders, all aimed at developing the county as Kenya's No 1 Tourist Destination.

OTHER KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

LANDS

Governor Kiraitu committed to resolve all land issues and ensure that all Meru residents receive title deeds in order to be fully and productively engaged in the journey of Making Meru Great.

100,000 Title Deeds Issued

Governor Kiraitu engaged the National Government through the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning to spearhead the processes of issuing titles and resolve all existing land disputes across the County.

So far 100,000 title deeds were issued to Ruiru, Timau, Rwarera residents by the Governor



'WE ARE ALL NAILED ON THE CROSS OF POVERTY; IT ONLY WE (THE PEOPLE OF MERU) WHO WILL REMOVE OURSELVES FROM THAT CROSS.' LET US JOIN HAND MAKING MERU GREAT.

- KIRAITU MURUNGI, MERU COUNTY GOVERNOR







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