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This 3rd Edition of the Siaya County Government's Weekly Bulletin highlights key events and activities undertaken by the County Government of Siaya across the departments, boards, corporations and municipalities covering weeks 48 and 49 (from 23rd November to 5th December) of year 2023.

DEPARTMENT	EVENTS/ACTIVITIES KEY HIGHLIGHTS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Governor James Orengo signed the Intergovernmental agreement on the County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIPs) and urged the national government to speed up disbursement of Kenya Shillings 250 million conditional grant to county to enable speedy construction of the Parks and open up job opportunities for 5000 residents of Siaya.▪ On the 28th of November 2023, the Governor officiated the World Fisheries Day at Liunda Beach, Bondo Sub County where he emphasized aquaculture and blue economy as one of the key components of Siaya County's economic transformation agenda.▪ Governor led a delegation from Lake Region Economic Bloc in India to appraise the MOUs signed with Indian Government Ministries. The MOUs will see the establishment of a Solar Energy Park with capacity of 280MW in each of the bloc's 14 counties.▪ While in India, the Governor also held fruitful discussions with Eden Group team in New Delhi. The talks centered on increasing agricultural production of rice, cotton and edible oils. The group is also exploring investing in a modern diagnostic laboratory in Siaya to serve the Western Region of Kenya.▪ Lastly, the Governor launched a month-long Governor's Cup at Segwa Township Primary School in Ugenya Sub County. The collaboration with the County Department of Tourism, Sports, Culture and Arts is expected to steer talent empowerment across Siaya.

<p>GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND ICT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Represented the County at the 4th Edition of Huduma Ombudsman Award Ceremony held in Nairobi. ▪ Convened and hosted the Inter-Agency Disaster Preparedness and Management Committee to discuss the field situation reports for immediate appropriate interventions. ▪ Facilitated Corruption Prevention Committee Training for CECMs in Eldoret town organized by the EACC.
<p>AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY, LIVESTOCK AND BLUE ECONOMY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Celebration of World Fisheries Day attended by hundreds of residents in Liunda Beach, Bondo Constituency. The Government has committed to prioritize improving the welfare of fishers, provide them with training for enhanced skills, advocate for safe fishing practices, and promote value addition to increase fishers' income and improve their livelihoods. ▪ Celebration of World Soil Day attended by 600 residents in North Alego Ward, Alego Usonga Sub County where the essence of Soil & Water Conservation was largely advocated. Residents were also encouraged to embrace soil testing as a necessity to identifying Soil needs and correct nutrients to apply. ▪ Held the Inaugural meeting of the County Technical Advisory Committee of the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP). The Project focusing on Commercialization of Tomato, Apiculture, Rice, Poultry and Cotton Value chain is set to hit ground towards the realization of a food secure County that is commercially oriented ▪ Held a Farmers field day at Said Obama's Farm in South East Alego to equip farmers with hands on skills on how milk production can be enhanced with new forage grass (Brachiara) varieties that have high protein levels (double as compared to Napier grass), drought resilient and are adaptable to pests and diseases. ▪ Through the 'Resilient Agriculture that works for the Youth' Project, trained over 500 young agripreneurs across the six sub counties on land access and gender safeguarding as a baseline to ensuring that the youth – both male and female acquire their space in the Agriculture Sector for purposes of income generation in poultry, African leafy vegetables, grounds nuts, soya beans and tomato value chains
<p>HEALTH AND SANITATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commemorated the World AIDS Day on December 1st 2023 at Ugunja Primary School, whose theme was "Let Communities Lead", presided over by the County First Lady Betty Orengo. ▪ Procured medicines and medical supplies form KEMSA valued at Kenya Shillings 35million. The received commodities will enhance treatment of

	<p>common illnesses and chronic conditions and will buffer the stock levels of medicines to cover for festive season with an anticipated high influx of people traveling home to celebrate the Xmas and New Year Holidays. This is a last mile delivery to be delivered directly to each of the 173 public health facilities in the County, which is to be completed by December 11th 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disseminated Integrated WHO COVID-19 Policy Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures to the key health management teams and coordinators including Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) coordinators. ▪ Received assorted equipment for the ongoing modernization of the Siaya County Referral Hospital Morgue into a State-of-the-Art Funeral Parlour. The modernization will enhance the capacity as well as body storage and preservation facilities for improved autopsy and its related medical-legal services. ▪ Trained County and Sub-County Health Management Teams on Primary Care Network, towards strengthening the County’s primary care services and enable greater provision of proactive, personalized, coordinated and more integrated health and social care for people close to home, a shift from reactively providing appointments to proactively caring for the people and communities. ▪ Inspected and assessed Ambira Sub County Hospital Maternity Complex towards making it ready for public use.
<p>PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Held site meetings and supervision of various ongoing projects to ensure quality control and timely delivery: Siaya County Referral Surgical Complex at 45% completion, Ndiwo Dispensary at 76% completion, Ndeda Island Maternity block (100%), Nyangulu drift culvert, Aram Market, Opata Box Culvert, Komoro – Ludhi road (2.5km), Got Osimbo Dispensary – Hawagaya road (2.8km) ▪ Handed over sites for high masts lights installation at Rabar, Ramba, Ogoria, Hon, Kodinya and Nyenye markets. Other installations are at Anyanga Beach, luhano and Liloma markets.
<p>EDUCATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS, GENDER AND SOCIAL SERVICES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ County First Lady Betty Orenge led the launch of 16 days of activism against gender-based violence and is expected to end on 10th October 2023. The activism is a global event that seeks to galvanize action against gender-based violence by the year 2030. ▪ Initiated the developed of the ‘County Widows Protection Bill 2023’ in a bid to address the violations of human rights that widows suffer following the demise of their spouses.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compilation of the final list of County Bursary Beneficiaries is at the final stages. Beneficiaries of the 100 million will soon be notified to help facilitate their stay at school
TOURISM, CULTURE, SPORTS AND ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaborated with the Office of the Governor in Launching the Governor's Cup at Segwa Township Primary School. The month-long games are expected to nurture and promote Youth sporting talent across the County ▪ Participating in the 96th Edition of the Kenya Music and Cultural Festival in Makueni County. The Inter County festival running from 1st to 9th December will see Siaya strive to stand out amongst 46 other counties in terms of its rich and diverse cultural expressions ▪ Fast-tracked the completion of the Siaya County Stadium. This saw the completion of all the 1st section of roof trusses and painting of main pavilion ongoing.
WATER, IRRIGATION, ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & NATURAL RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Held a consultative meeting with representatives from the Danish Embassy in Kenya to review programs supported by the Embassy – Including Financing Locally Led Climate Action Program (FLLOCA). The Mid – term view appraised Siaya to be on course with initiatives that are in line with climate change resilience. ▪ Kicked off sensitization Mission of Siaya residents on the importance of all water infrastructures. The initiative which is in collaboration with Lake Victoria South Water Works Development Agency and SIBOWASCO is envisaged to stop illegal water use, ensure timely payment of bills and most importantly encourage to use of clean and safe water
LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sensitized members of Municipal boards (Bondo, Ugunja & Siaya) with required knowledge including legal frameworks, their roles & functions and how to effectively engage stakeholders for effective service delivery.
TRADE, COOPERATIVES, ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitated 20 Jua Kali Artisans to attend the 23rd East African Nguvu Kazi Exhibitions in Bujumbura, Burundi. The initiative is meant to promote cross – border trade of the region's goods and services