County to rehabilitate on-farm roads in Mwea Irrigation Scheme

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The County Government of Kirinyaga has committed to rehabilitate on-farm roads in the vast Mwea Irrigation Scheme following years of deterioration.

The state of the roads has affected the transportation of rice from the farm to market.

Speaking during a meeting with rice farmers and local leaders, Governor Anne Waiguru said that although the maintenance of on-farm roads falls under the National Irrigation Authority (NIA), which manages the scheme, delays in rehabilitation had badly affected the movement of rice and increased transportation costs for farmers.

Waiguru said the county government will provide machinery and fuel to facilitate the murraming of the roads, a move expected to ease the transportation of farm produce to markets and reduce farmers' operational costs.

The governor also urged Mwea residents to safeguard the region's development gains by sustaining support for, and constructive engagement with, both levels of government.

She emphasized that the region's future prosperity depended on protecting existing investments and ensuring ongoing projects were completed.

"Mwea's future depends on protecting the gains we have made and advancing its prosperity through forward-looking leadership. We must continue engaging both levels of government, following up on commitments and ensuring that ongoing projects are completed. Our shared priority should be to produce more, reduce the cost of farming, improve farmers' earnings and create more opportunities for our young people," she said.

Waiguru described Mwea as a strategic contributor to Kirinyaga County's economy and Kenya's food security, noting that the region is the country's leading rice-producing area.

With thousands of farming households dependent on reliable irrigation, affordable agricultural inputs, access to markets and efficient transport infrastructure for their livelihoods, Waiguru noted that government interventions were aimed at addressing practical challenges that constrain agricultural production and profitability.

At the national level, subsidized fertilizer, seedlings, agricultural programmes and measures to support the market for locally produced rice have provided additional assistance to farmers.

Waiguru also highlighted the national government's efforts to purchase locally produced rice through the Kenya National Trading Corporation (KNTC), saying dependable markets were essential to ensuring farmers benefited fully from increased production.

"The government has released Sh1 billion to cushion rice farmers. This will ensure that before any importation of rice into the country, the government buys rice in Mwea," she said.

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The Government of the Republic of Kenya, Ministry of Education, State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training, has received financing from KfW towards the cost of the programme "Promotion of Youth Employment and Vocational Training in Kenya" and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contract(s) for Supply, Delivery, Training and Commissioning of Equipment for Technical Training Institutes in Kenya.

The Ministry of Education, State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training, now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the referenced tenders to be delivered as follows;

1. Kiambu National Polytechnic (KINAP)
   Tender Reference: **ICB-10/MOE-VTT/TVET/KfW 2016 67 211/001/2026-2027**
   - Lot 1: Mechanical workshop tools, and basic furniture
   - Lot 2: Pneumatics, hydraulics, lab software, and lab furniture
   - Lot 3: Metal processing equipment and machines
   - Lot 4: Power electronics, controllers, electronic assortments
   - Lot 5: Collaborative robot, modular industry 4.0 smart factory.
2. Nairobi National Polytechnic
   Tender Reference: **ICB-11/MOE-VTT/TVET/KfW 2016 67 211/002/2026-2027**
   - Lot 1: Automotive hand tools, power tools, welding and lifting equipment
   - Lot 2: Automotive trainings stations, metal processing equipment and machines
   - Lot 3: Electric vehicle tools and training stations
3. Thika Technical Training Institute
   Tender Reference: **ICB-12/MOE-VTT/TVET/KfW 2016 67 211/003/2026-2027**
   - Lot 1: Hand tools, workshop accessories, welding equipment
   - Lot 2: Automotive spray systems, training stands for car electronics
   - Lot 3: Metal processing equipment and machines

The required items, quantities, delivery periods, and other details are specified in the bidding document.

Bidding will be conducted by means of the International Competitive Bidding procedure (ICB) with qualification as specified in KfW's Procurement Guidelines ("Guidelines for the Procurement of Consulting Services, Works, Plant, Goods and Non-Consulting Services in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries", Version 2019; updated 2024), with due regard to the Kenyan Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act (2015) and regulations 2020.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Ministry of Education, State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training, on 7th floor room 703 Uchumi House, Along Agha Khan Walk or by writing to the following email address: **tenders.moe.tvet@gmail.com.**

A complete set of bidding documents is available to interested Bidders and can be downloaded from the Ministry of Education website **https://www.education.go.ke/index.php/tenders.**

In order to receive any potential notifications in relation to these bidding documents, interested Bidders should immediately send their contact details (including the tender reference number) to the email address: **tenders.moe.tvet@gmail.com.**

Bidders may apply for **1 (one)** or more lots and may be awarded **1 (one)** or more lots.

Bids must be delivered to the Tender Box marked Ministry of Education, State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training KfW project located on the ground floor of Jogoo House B, Harambee Avenue on or before **11.00 am (East Africa Time), 11th December, 2026**.

Late Bids will be rejected.

Bids will be opened in a public session on 10th floor of Jogoo House B, Conference room in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives shortly after the submission deadline.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **two percent (2%)** of the Total Bid Price, and in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

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The award recognizes his distinguished contribution to public service, devolved governance, education, institutional development and environmental conservation. His career has included service as Permanent Secretary for Livestock Development, the inaugural Governor of Bungoma County and Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Kenya. In these roles, he contributed to public administration, county institution-building, early childhood education and bringing parliamentary proceedings closer to citizens. His contribution to higher education includes supporting Kibabii University's journey towards the award of its Charter in 2015 and the development of the Bachelor of Cooperative and Entrepreneurship Management programme. He has also championed environmental conservation and eco-tourism, including initiatives associated with the Mount Elgon ecosystem.

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