

FEATURE: CONSERVATION

Ministry plants 36,000 bamboo seedlings to restore River Nzoia

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The State Department for Wildlife, through the Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI), has planted more than 36,000 bamboo seedlings along River Nzoia in Siaya County.

The seedlings are part of a bold campaign to restore degraded riparian ecosystems, reduce disaster risks, and strengthen climate resilience.

Launched at Nyadodera and presided over by Conservation Secretary Dr. John Chumo on behalf of Principal Secretary Ms. Silvia Museiya, the initiative is already transforming the riverbanks into a green corridor of restoration and opportunity. It has brought together local communities, scientists, government agencies, and development partners in a united conservation effort.

Dr. Chumo described bamboo as a sustainable resource capable of addressing multiple environmental challenges while boosting household incomes.



Community members participate in a bamboo growing exercise in Nyadodera, along the Nzoia River, Siaya County. A total of 36,000 seedlings were planted during the one-week campaign period, which was spearheaded by the Wildlife Research and Training Institute.

“Bamboo restoration presents a unique opportunity to restore ecosystems, improve livelihoods, and strengthen climate resilience,” he said.

“The Ministry remains committed to supporting this initiative through the Institute as we work towards a greener and more sustainable future,” he said.

He emphasized that the campaign contributes directly to

the Government’s ambitious target of growing 15 billion trees by 2032 and aligns with the Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which positions environmental conservation as a pathway for socio economic transformation.

The Wildlife Research and Training Institute has adopted a science driven approach, guided by ecological monitoring and research findings to ensure interventions are effective and evidence based.

WRTI Director Dr. Patrick Omondi underscored the Institute’s commitment to supporting the national tree growing agenda while restoring degraded ecosystems.

Health experts push for newborn screening to combat debilitating Sickle Cell disease

BY SHANEL KWAMBOKA AND DAVIS LANGAT

Homa Bay County residents have been urged to embrace early diagnosis of Sickle Cell Disease (SCD), with health experts saying it is one of the most effective ways to prevent deaths associated with the condition.

Speaking during the commemoration of World Sickle Cell Day in Homa Bay, health professionals noted that many children living with the disease die because they are diagnosed too late, denying them access to life-saving treatment.

Dr. Meshack Liru, a pediatrician in Homa Bay County, said the prevalence of Sickle Cell Disease in the region stands at nine per cent, making it one of the hardest-hit areas in the country.

According to Dr. Liru, the disease is costly to manage, and delayed diagnosis continues to contribute significantly to mortality among affected children.

“About 80 per cent of children with Sickle Cell Disease in this region die because they are diagnosed late. Early diagnosis and treatment can greatly improve patients’ quality of life and reduce deaths,” said



Dr. Meshack Liru (Center) speaking to the media about the need to seek early diagnosis of sickle cell disease (SCD).

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Dr. Liru.

He emphasized the importance of routine newborn screening, noting that it enables healthcare providers to identify affected infants early and begin treatment before complications arise.

Homa Bay is among the 17 counties in Kenya with a high burden of Sickle Cell Disease, a genetic blood disorder inherited from parents.

County Executive Committee Member for Health, Grace Osewe, said the county government has introduced several interventions aimed at reducing the burden of the disease.



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NORTH RIFT VALLEY WATER WORKS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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