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SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS

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Ministry statement

We are sincerely grateful to you members of the County for journeying with us this far. Our continuous engagement with you and the honest feedback you give us has enabled us to achieve major milestones in our beautiful county in the Infrastructure and Transport and in the Public Works sectors.

We note that famine has hit most parts of our county in this 3rd quarter of and glad for the joint intervention by Turkana County Government and other stakeholders in assisting to alleviate the effects of the drought.

Insecurity is one of the major factors exacerbating the famine situation in the county. As a pastoral community, most of the people depend on livestock for livelihood and economic sustainability. When bandits raid our people, driving away with their livestock, the people are left without any means of sustaining themselves. They are afraid to move their livestock in search of pasture and water as well as, for sale due to insecurity.

It is also observed that most of attacks take place at the points where seasonal rivers intersect with our roads. In most of these places the roads have been eroded and vehicles transporting goods and people are forced to slow down thus making them easy targets for bandits.

County Executive Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works Benson Logiel Lokwang

This has scared businessmen from transporting goods and services into these areas because economic activities prosper in a secure environment where people, goods and services can move freely.

As a ministry, we are opening up new roads and maintaining the existing in order to open up insecure areas to access goods and services as well as curb cases of insecurity through improving security response to cattle rustling and banditry. We are constructing drifts in places where rivers transverse the roads to improve movement of vehicles in areas prone to bandit attacks. These has in one way or another assisted in response to hunger realized in most parts within this period.

The road works have improved the livelihood for our community, where our people are involved in local labour like site clearance, sell of local materials to the contractors, providing security services, fetching water and other services deemed necessary for the locals. An estimate of around 30M has gone to these kind of services, directly benefiting locals.

To our public, the feedback you give has enabled us to respond to shape our policies and programs to better respond to your needs and serve you effectively. We still encourage you partner with us and continue giving feedback on all our programmes. This you can do by registering your complaint or views through our customer suggestion box available at our offices or through the contacts provided at the back of this Newsletter.

Finally, we urge you to take some time and go through our issue NO. 3 Newsletter for updates on our activities and events in the 3rd quarter of FY2018/2019.

County Chief Officer Infrastructure and Transport CS CPA Ariko John Namoit

Infrastructure systems are integral to the social, political, and economic life of every country. They affect the quality of our transportation, our buildings and the waters, access to electrical power and communications.

A key component of infrastructure systems is a good quality road network. In fact, roads are viewed as one of the most important public assets.

Roads are a vital link to other countries and Kenya at large. They not only connect people but reduce distances between people, markets, services and knowledge. It is a treasured asset for any economy and fully deserves to be managed within a well programmed strategic and policy framework.

There is a very strong correlation between the quality and quantity of a country and regions road network and its economic development.

An effective road network in the county is a prerequisite for county, national and regional integration. It is a vehicle that can facilitate promotion of trade, economic development and contributing to wealth creation and poverty reduction. This is critical in the attainment of the objectives of Kenya Vision 2030 and beyond.

For our County, the department of Infrastructure and Transport anticipates to maintain 2,500 KMs of rural roads in FY 2018/2019.

During the nine (9) months period ending 30th march, 2019, the department of roads has managed to undertake construction of 67 projects comprising of drifts and rural roads which make up 1809 KMs of the road network in the county.

The main source of funding for the department is the grant from Kenya Roads Board Authority (KRB) under the Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) which constitutes 73% of the ministry operations.

The RMLF programme has not only improved access in the county but also contributed to the empowerment of our Youth and Women through awarding of tenders and employment. Out of the 67 projects undertaken, 23 were awarded to Youth and Women in the County. In addition, the program whose average cost of Kshs.30 million provided employment for 2816 people comprising of 1971 men and 845 women in the 6 months ending 31st December, 2018.

We have begun inventory of projects to be implemented in the last quarter of this financial year. The tenders for the identified projects will be advertised once the inventory process is complete.

County Chief Officer Public Works Eng. Emmanuel Ekeno Ekai

We endeavour to ensure provision of adequate and effective government buildings and other public works.

we are determined to be efficient in service delivery to the people of Turkana through technical skills and professional project management.

In the 3rd quarter of FY 2018/2019, we continued to supervise flagship projects. Some of the projects include the new county headquarters building, the construction material testing lab and the proposed 3 floor Biashara Centre.

We have continued to work hand in hand with the various client ministries to deliver the projects as envisioned in the CIDP roadmap.

Being a service department, we have successfully completed bill of quantities and design plans for entities in the county government in various construction projects.

We have continued to familiarise ourselves with the Capacity Assessment Tool for Infrastructure (CAT I) platform by UNOPS. The data collection phase for the platform is complete and the next critical stage shall be data analysis followed by data validation.

For effective management of our county projects, we are adopting to the use of various software's. In this quarter, we had staff in the department being trained on MIDAS software which is an engineering structural analysis software.

Fruits of Devolution in The County Under The Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works Sector- CECM Benson Logiel Lokwang

The County department of Infrastructure Transport and Public Works is mandated to facilitate provision, maintenance and management of quality roads, proper transport sector management and provision of quality public works services in Turkana County.

Unfortunately, 50 years after independence the status of roads in the County was deplorable making transportation in the region gruesome that few motorists dared to ply the roads and this led to neglect of the region.

Thanks to devolution, we have a different narrative in the region today. We are now covering more Kilometres and through public participation we have reached out to more people, obtained their views and incorporate this when planning our projects.

Through the ordinary sharable revenue for the county government, the department has been able to work on over 5400 Kilometres of earth roads across the six sub-counties in the County. In addition to this, 1087 Kilometres of roads have been improved under the Routine Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF), a grant from Kenya Roads Board (KRB). These roads have beefed up security in the region and eased movement of people, goods and services within the county and its borders.

We have also constructed 10KMs of bitumen standard roads around Lodwar town and we are soon tarmacking other urban centres in the county. This has increased land value in the area, boosted business activities and given the town a modern look.

We have been able to work on cross border linkages; case in point is the 54KM Dongoron-Loreng-Ngamorkirionok-Nakitongo-Kalae road that will enhance trade and curb insecurity along the Kenya and Uganda border.

The unique topography of Turkana results in numerous seasonal rivers traversing many of our roads, in order to manage this, we have constructed various drifts to improve access. Furthermore, bridges have also been constructed in some major rivers in the county one of them being the Nawoyeregae-Kapelibok bridge in Turkana South that connect the two villages across river Turkwel and Kotome bridge in the North. These rivers created a significant access challenge and were proving to be hazardous as well to the commuters. Several lives were lost when our people drowned trying to cross the rivers.

As a preventive measure, we are also doing river protection works on our rivers to reduce risks and damages brought by our rivers whenever they flow. A case at hand is the ongoing Lokichar river protection works in Turkana South.

By partnering with other government agencies such as KURA with whom we have an MOU, we have been able to more effectively manage our road projects. We also maintain close amicable relations with other road agencies such as KeNHA, KeRRA in a bid to synergise and coordinate our efforts in road construction and maintenance.

We have partnered with UNOPS in implementing evidence based infrastructure planning and management and have already undertaken a joint capacity assessment exercise using their CAT I platform.

Ekalees Centre road during construction works.

A section of the completed Ekalees Centre road

We are working hand in hand with various client ministries in the County to deliver projects as envisioned in the CIDP roadmap and have successfully completed bill of quantities and design plans for entities in the county government in various construction projects and offer supervision of these projects. Just to mention, we are supervising the ultramodern new office block at the County headquarters that is expected to be complete by April this year.

We have been able to acquire four graders, three tippers, two dozers, one roller, one excavator, one-wheel loader, one water bowser and one prime mover with intensions of acquiring more plants and machinery to ensure minimal cost for implementation of infrastructural works and to enable timely response to emergencies of repair works on our roads.

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It is our intension to Introduce the water transport aspect in Lake Turkana that will see us linked with Marsabit county and this will promote trade along the lake especially fish and other local trade activities. We intend to build jetties for docking purposes.

However, implementation of our projects has not been easy due to limited budget and to this we are engaging other partners for support. Insecurity in most parts of the County has also delayed implementation of our projects in areas prone to bandit attacks like Kapedo in Turkana East, Kibich in Turkana North and Lorogon in Turkana South. To resolve this, the county government has continuously held peace talks and meetings in the affected areas and also engaged security agencies in the country.

Turkana is vast and managing projects in over 77, 000 square KM is no mean feat. Project management has not been that easy with a lean team at the department because of challenges in attracting and retaining technical staff.

Despite this, the vast land is also an opportunity for us since we have enough space and we are able to partner with private sectors and plan for better and more projects.

We take advantage of the natural resources in the region and we are applying new technology in county projects and come up with numerous plans, like providing solar and wind power solution. We are applying an evidence based integrated infrastructure approach, a coordinated approach of infrastructure planning and development across the County.

We have also considered having roads linked to other social amenities like water points, schools and hospitals.

While we implement all these, we acknowledge threats that are there and that will continue to be there like Climate change and insecurity and thus we will never tire to consider having preventive measures in place so that our work is not hampered.

During inventory in August 2018 –the hilly rocky section on Dongoron-Loreng-Ngamorkirionok-Nakitongo-Kalae road

Supervision of ongoing works at the Lomil drift construction site on 22nd February, 2019

Supervision of ongoing works at the Lomil drift construction site on 1st March, 2019

LEFT: Dongoron-Loreng-Ngamorkirionok-Nakitongo-Kalae road. (status as at 19th March 2019)

Completed Lomil drift as at 8th March 2019

We look forward to open up new roads and continue with maintenance of existing ones to ease movement of people, goods and services within the county and its borders and to ensure adequate and effective government buildings, structures and other public works. This will in the long run boost business activities in the region, ensure locals have easy movement to social amenities and also ease accessibility for security response.

TCG and UNOPS on Joint Capacity Assessment and Evidence Based Infrastructure Mission

A joint capacity assessment workshop between Turkana County Government (TCG) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) was held at UNICEF Offices in Lodwar between 16th and 22nd January 2019. The workshop was aimed at analyzing data collected using the Capacity Assessment Tool for Infrastructure (CAT-I).

CAT-I is a tool developed by UNOPS and used to assess the ability of governments to plan, deliver, and manage infrastructure. UNOPS and TCG began the assessment on 21st February 2018 and have carried it forward through a series of meetings in Nairobi and Lodwar. The assessment has focused on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, and Public Works, with the Department of Finance and Economic Planning being critically involved through its planning input.

The UNOPS team at the workshop included analysts from the UNOPS headquarters in Copenhagen, who have been supporting the analysis with technical input. This team was led by Engineer Steven Crosskey from Denmark and UNOPS Country Director Rainer Frauenfeld.

UNOPS meeting held at the CS board room

County team included Chief officer Public Works Eng. Emmanuel Ekai Ekeno, Director Public Works Eng. Kennedy Obongo, Director Procurement Reuben Ekai Ebei, Director Economic Planning Richard Emoru, Deputy Director Economic planning, Victor Lekaram and architect David Mogikoyo.

The UNOPS team was able to meet with Deputy Governor (DG) Peter Lotethiro, County Secretary (CS) Peter Eripete, Minister Robert Loteleng'o from the Department of Finance and Minister Benson Lokwang' from the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works, at the CS board room and presented their key findings and recommendations from the assessment.

At the meeting, the DG expressed his support for the UNOPS initiative in supporting local expertise in matters of infrastructure procurement and planning and underscoring the operations and maintenance of infrastructure.

The CS applauded the work done by UNOPS in the county and asked for more support in mentoring County local young engineers especially in hands on technical skills enhancement.

Minister Loteleng'o envisioned the use of the latest technology like Geographical Information System (GIS) to monitor projects on real time.

On the other hand, Minister Lokwang assured UNOPS of the County support and emphasized on the need for observing infrastructure construction standard. He also stated that the county through the Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Works is constructing an Infrastructure material testing lab for quality standards.

The assessment team also visited some of the TCG's projects (New County headquarters building, stalled Governor's residence), courtesy of the Department of Infrastructure Transport and Public works.

Through the completion of this capacity assessment, UNOPS will be able to support TCG as it works to strengthen its operations and partnerships with development partners and deliver its development vision for Turkana County.

Improved Road Network to Boost Trade, Tourism and Cultural Activities In The County

CEC Benson Lokwang (Left) and ministry team during inspection of the 4.3 KM Lodwar High–Baptist church-Nawoi-Natotol junct-Lodwar Pry-Public works road, a project implemented in the second batch of RMLF projects

As stipulated in the fourth schedule of the constitution of Kenya 2010, Turkana County Government (TCG) endeavors to construct, maintain and manage county road network.

Through the County Ministry of Infrastructure Transport and Public Works, TCG is currently undertaking road maintenance works (Bush clearing, grading, gravelling, dozer works & drifts construction). This is a continuation of the routine maintenance of sub-county and inter sub-county road projects whose implementation in the county started last year and financed by the Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF), a grant from Kenya Roads Board (KRB).

The RMLF project implementation in the county is divided in three phases. The first phase that entailed 20 projects covering 1087KM were implemented from July last year.

The County Government is now implementing the second phase that includes 31 road projects. These projects were advertised in October last year after which awarding of the projects to successful contractors was done on 19th December 2018.

Handing over of projects in the 2nd phase to the awarded contractors began on 11th January this year and so far, 27 projects have successful been handed over to the contractors to begin work. Projects that are yet to be handed over are, routine maintenance of 32KM Lomelo-Nadome road, proposed construction of 50M Lomelo-Nadome drift 1, proposed construction of 50M Lomelo-Nadome drift 2 and the proposed construction of 60M Lokineimoe drift- all in Turkana East. The delay in handing over the projects is caused by insecurity in the area that has made it difficult for ministry team and contractors to visit the sites. Once security is restored, handing over of the projects will be done.

Speaking at a handing over exercise of the 54KM Dogoron-Loreng-Nganorkirionok-Nakitongo-Kaalae road in Turkana West, Chief Officer (CO) Infrastructure and Transport John Ariko Namoit asked contractors to liaise with area chiefs and ward administrators to organise for public barazas with community members for briefing and sensitization on the projects before any work began .This he said would familiarise the community with the contractors and prevent any interference from the community once the projects commence since there will be a mutual understanding on the ongoing projects.

The ministry is now conducting inspection and supervision of second batch of the RMLF projects with Minister Benson Lokwang and CO Ariko Namoit spearheading the exercise. Ministry Engineers in charge are engineer Simon Nakucho, handling projects in three sub counties namely-Loima, Turkana West, Turkana North/Kibich and parts of Turkana Central while Engineer Amos Lokalale takes charge of projects in Turkana East, Turkana South and parts of Turkana Central sub-counties .

Minister Lokwang has asks all contractors to coordinate with Kenya Power and Lodwar Water and Sewages Company (LOWASCO) to be guided accordingly in order to avoid any interferences with water and power lines as they work on the roads.

CO Ariko has urges all contractors to ensure warning signs, including reflectors that will guide road users at night are strategically placed at the construction sites as a safety measure.

Among the ongoing projects is the routine maintenance of 54KM Dongoron-Loreng-Ngamorkirionok-Nakitongo-Kalae road that connects Kenya to Uganda. Once completed, the road will boost trade activities between the two counties and also improve security along the borders.

Another project is the routine maintenance of the 44KM Moru Anayece-Letea- Kakuma road. This road leads to Moru Anayece monument where the Ateker communities (Turkana of Kenya, Toposa of South Sudan, Nyang'atom of Ethiopia and Karamoja of Uganda) meet annually to celebrate their peaceful coexistence brought by their legend Nayece.

To support the tourism sector, the County Government is working on the 2.7 Lobolo-Longelech road that leads to Lake Turkana which is a tourist attraction site ,with Eliye springs at the lake side also being a destination target.

Apart from the ongoing 31 RMLF projects, Lokichar river protection works that was also advertised in October last year was successfully handed over to the awarded contractor on 15th January. This project is aimed at reducing risks and damages brought by the river whenever it flows.

Turkana County Government is determined to achieve a sustainable infrastructure in the near future for effective and efficient transport across the county.

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Dear Colleagues

The eagle is a fascinating bird. Known for its power and ability to fly at high altitudes in the sky. It flies where no other bird can fly. Colleagues, we are often told to soar like an eagle. Aim high and FLY. Oh, if only it were that simple! I recently read a web article on the ways of the eagle, and thought I'd highlight the lessons that we can learn from them.

Consider the eagle…..

1. Eagles fly alone or with their own kind. Life lesson: Associate with people who are at your level, or who can help you to grow. Also, not everyone will share your vision or dream. Find people who think like you so that you can both dream and grow together. Don't waste your time with naysayers and negative people. And don't share your dreams with just anybody. You've got a dream? Protect it!

2. Eagles have excellent vision and concentration. To catch their prey, they focus on it with laser like intensity, and set out to get it. Life lesson: Do the same with your goals. Focus on one thing to accomplish at a time. Give it your effort, time and energy. Focus and "set out to achieve it".

3. Eagles feed on live food/meat. They don't eat dead animals. Life lesson: Don't waste your energy and time beating a dead horse. Know when to say goodbye and let go. Keep your options open and your information current. Do your research and preparation. Keep things current and keep them moving.

4. Eagles love the storm. They get excited when storm clouds gather. Why? They welcome the challenge it brings. They know the storm winds will lift them above the clouds. Above the clouds, they can rest their wings and become stronger. Life lesson: Get excited about the storms in your life. Challenges bring opportunities. We could see the opportunities, wrapped in our challenges if we weren't so busy, complaining and trying to avoid them. Embrace our challenges and learn from them. That's how we learn new skills, grow and get stronger. Is this easy to do? Of course not. But we can learn how to.

5. The eagle tests the level of commitment before engagement. Before entering into a commitment, the female eagle tests her male suitors to establish his level of commitment. Life lesson: It is wise to ascertain the commitment of people we intend to partner with. This is true in our personal as well as professional lives. Establishing trust is important in relationships.

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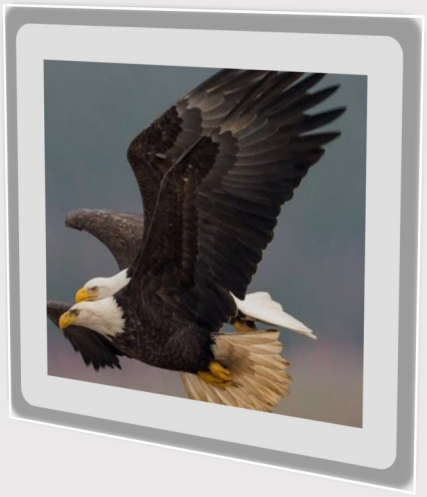


6. The eagle is a master of change management. The mother eagle carefully prepares the nest for its eggs. When it is time for the eaglet to learn to fly, the mother begins to remove the comfort layers from the nest, exposing the pricks and sticks. She then throws the eaglets out of the nest. She does this repeatedly until the eaglet learns to fly. Out of fear, the eaglet jumps back in the nest, with each attempt, shrieking and bleeding from the pricks in the nest. The mother doesn't yield. To others looking on this may seem heartless. But there is a method to the madness. The process is repeated until the eagle eventually starts flapping its wings, getting stronger and stronger with each flap. Then—swoosh! Away it goes into the air, flying higher and higher. Rising above its challenges and pain. Life lesson: We must not become complacent in life; clinging to the old and familiar. We can only grow if we are willing to step out of our comfort zone. The thorns or pain in life are there to tell us that 1. There is nothing more for us where we are, and 2. It is time to move on, grow and spread our wings. Further, the people who genuinely care about us will not encourage us in our slothfulness and fear. While their treatment may seem unkind, it is for our ultimate good. Sometimes tough love is best. They don't want us to die in our nest!
7. Rebirth involves death of the old-self. The eagle has to make a painful decision at around age 40. Die or go through a painful process of rebirth which will extend its life for 30 more years. This process involves the painful task of knocking out its own beak and plucking out its talons so that new ones can grow. This entire process takes about 5 months to complete. Life lesson: No pain, no gain. Many of us want success or change, but without the sacrifice, hard work, disappointments and heartbreaks that comes with it. To survive and grow, we must be willing to change. And sometimes, we may even need to go a step further-a death of the old self and a total rebirth. Ending toxic relationships, leaving toxic jobs, getting rid of destructive habits, thoughts, traditions and mind-sets that no longer serve us.

Friends, to get to the next stage or chapter of our lives, careers, relationships, etc, let us study the ways of the eagle, and be willing to apply these principles to our lives. Change is within our power, if we only believe! Wanna fly like the eagle?

That's it folks. Thanks for reading!

Ministry to Work Hand in Hand With Other Development Partners to Avoid Wastage of Resources

County Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Public works Benson Logiel Lokwang has expressed the need for the County Government to work hand in hand with other development partners both in planning and implementation of projects to avoid duplication of works.

While speaking in the ministry's senior management meeting that was held in his office on 28th January, 2019, the Minister said that failing to coordinate with partners in the Infrastructural and Transport sector will lead to waste of resources which could be resourceful if channeled to other projects.

"sharing of work plans will enable us to know which projects our partners intend to implement and if we were planning to implement the same, have our plan shifted to other projects. We shall communicate to all our partners, including KeRRA and KeNHA to inform them about this", said Lokwang.

It was also noted at the meeting that the ministry is understaffed yet being a service department, is expected to supervise construction projects of all the county government entities. This has resulted to workload to staff that has resulted to delay of works especially in the generation of Bill of Quantities.

"Our staff in the Public Works directorate should always inform chief officer Public Works whenever there is too much work so that we can consider engaging consultants' said Chief Officer Infrastructure, and Transport Ariko Namoit who was also present at the meeting.

Minister Lokwang (Right) chairing the meeting

Apart from these, below are some additional resolutions made at the meeting:

i. Ministry reports to be ready and submitted to the office of the county secretary latest by 15th of every preceding month.
ii. Departmental reports for the ministry to reach the chief officer by 5th of every month.
iii. Administrators to follow up on internet connectivity at the ministry.
iv. Following the delay of salaries of the new staff at the ministry, Senior Human Recourse Officer was tasked to follow up on the delay and have it resolved.
v. Suggestion boxes to be placed at strategic places at the ministry even if the public does not utilize them.
vi. Public to be encouraged to use suggestion boxes to present whatever issue they might have.
vii. Administration department to come up with posters with sensitization messages on different issues (Corruption, HIV/AIDS, drug abuse…).
viii. Staff to implement activities captured in their work plans.
ix. Engineers to be careful with their work and give true reports on projects they are supervising. Contractors should only be paid after completing work.
x. Ministry files to be centrally controlled and duplicate copies kept at the management level - one staff to be tasked to handle this.
xi. Director administration Jordan Epatt Lojokomoe to act for chief officer Infrastructure and Transport who was leaving for a 6 weeks training at Kenya School of Government.
xii. Staff should practice delegating work so that when one is away work does not stop.
xiii. Suppliers to supply goods at the procurement section. Anything supplied and not received at the stores will be dimmed not received and thus no payments will be done.
xiv. Engineers to be trained on IFMIS since they are scorers as technical staff for the ministry.
xv. Staff to work together, embrace brotherhood, be willing to share information, avoid backbiting each other or being agents of rumors as this brews hatred. Instead staff should support each other and display good image to the public.
xvi. Management to organize for staff meetings in intervals since the ministry has no boardroom and there's no budget to support holding meetings from a hotel.

Also present at the meeting were; Director Kennedy Obongo, Director Jordan Epatt, Principal Administrator Elizabeth Modo, Senior Human Resource Officer Joseph Lotims, Engineer Simon Nakucho, Public communication officer Grace Mwanja, Assistant accountant Patrick Ekaal, Supply Chains Management assistant Musa Namerio and assistant Administrators Newton Elimlim and John Ngipeyok.

Leisure

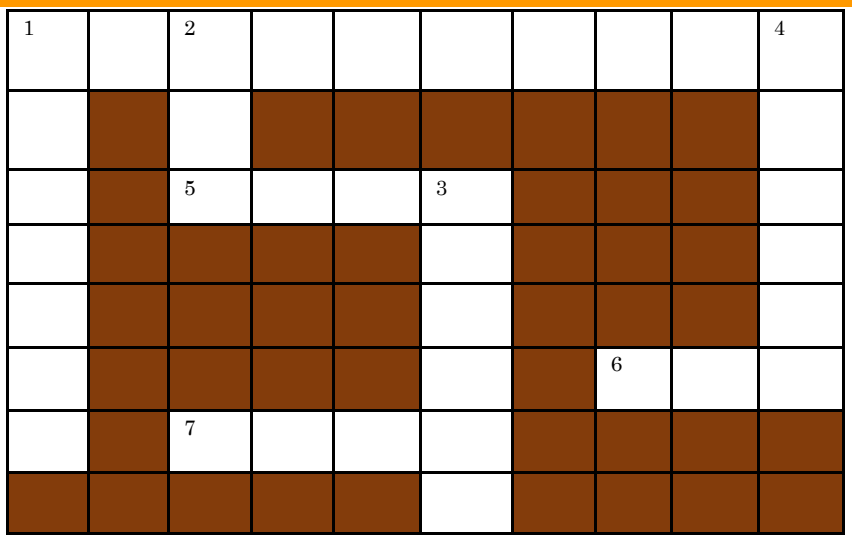
CROSSWORD

DOWN

1. Exert force on something so that it becomes more dense
2. A small flat piece of metal with a threaded hole through it for screwing onto a bolt as a fastener
3. A machine with many parts that connects power into motion
4. Restore to a good condition

ACROSS

1. A person or firm that undertakes a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a service or do a certain job
5. A rubber covering, surrounding an inflated inner tube placed round a wheel
6. A dark thick flammable liquid distilled from wood or coal used in road –making and for coating and preserving timber.
7. A detailed proposal for doing and achieving something



LAST QUARTER SOLUTIONS

DOWN

1. INCH
2. ROLLER
3. TIPPER
4. BRIDGE
5. ENGINEER

ACROSS

1. INFRASTRUCTURE
6. EXCAVATOR
7. HELIPAD
8. BULLDOZER

What a Man Can do A woman Can Do #Balance For Better

The County Ministry of Infrastructure Transport and public Works embraces the spirit of togetherness. Whether male or female, united we stand and working together towards our vision

Staff at the Ministry headquarters in a balance for better posture during international women's day - 8th March,

Staff in the field during inspection of Lokori Junction-Kaaruko-Lopii road in a balance for better posture during international women's day - 8th March,

Website Publicity Key In Communicating County Achievements and Development Plans

Turkana County Secretary Peter Eripete has called on all County departments to prioritize on using the county website to reach out to the publics

While speaking in a meeting with senior staff from the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works that was held at his boardroom on the 5th February, 2028, the CS acknowledged the good work and plans by the ministry in serving Turkana residents. This was after the ministry team displayed a power point presentation on Achievements and Development Plans in the Infrastructure, transport and public works sector since devolution. The CS however requested that all the achievements and plans by the ministry and all other county departments should be reflected in the county website so that the public can easily access the information and be able to give feedback on the same when necessary.

The CS therefore asked the Ministry team to work closely with the County ICT team and ensure every event and activities by the ministry are updated to the county website.

During the meeting at the CS board rom

Ministry team present at the meeting comprised of; CECM Benson Logiel Lokwang, Director Henry Nalipan, Director Kennedy Obongo, Director Jordan Epatt, County architect David Mogikoyo, Engineer Simon Nakucho, Accountant Lewis Lochodo, Procurement officer Shakespeare Lomoe and Public Communication officer Grace Mwanja.

Also present at the meeting was Deputy CS Robert Loyelei, Director Public Communication and Media Relations John Emeripus and Director ICT James Eripon, ICT officer Washington Malala and ICT officer Lankus Ekaran.

Discussion on Financial Statement for The Routine Maintenance Levy Fund

The Turkana County assembly committee on Transport, Public works, Communication and Information technology engaged with the ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works on 27th February at Hotel Gloste-Lodwar, to scrutinize the financial statement of the Routine Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) Financial statement.

Their discussion focused on road works done in the 1st quarter of FY 2018/2019 and its implications. The discussions were based on the report that had been submitted to the assembly by the ministry.

Representing the ministry were; AG director Roads and Transport Amos Lokalale, engineer Nakucho Simon, roads overseer senior accountant David Ekuwam and Lochodo Lewis.

Ministry team appearing before the committee

Working Towards Attaining Vison 2030

As vision 2030 aims at transforming Kenya into a newly industrialising middle-income country providing a high quality of life to all its citizens by 2030, in a clean and secure environment, Turkana County Government is not left behind, as it aims to contribute to the success of what we envision as a country.

In line with the foundation of the pillars of vision 2030 (economic, social, political) that aim to deploy world class infrastructure facilities and services, the county ministry of Infrastructure Transport and Public Works endeavours to contribute to this with key areas of focus being economic and social pillars.

The county government through the ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works sector targets to ease movement of people, goods and services to and from Turkana county; and ensure adequate and effective government buildings, structures and other public works. Adequate infrastructure is requisite for development and is a requirement to attract investors and the private sector to thrive.

ECONOMIC PILLAR

This pillar focuses on assessing existing opportunities and challenges facing Kenya economic growth.

In Turkana, poor infrastructure was a challenge faced and this had a negative impact to the county economic growth.

Poor roads affected trade activities within the county and also with neighbouring Kenyan communities and other neighbouring countries.

Trade activities were also affected by the rise in insecurity cases in the region that could not easily be handled as poor roads hindered rescue operations.

"Adequate infrastructure is requisite for development and is a requirement to attract investors and the private sector to thrive."

WHAT WE HAVE DONE AS A COUNTY TO SOLVE THIS.

1. Opening up of feeder roads.

Feeder roads have been opened up and the current ones being the 3.6 KM Lodwar town streets. The streets were graded, gravelled and heavy compaction done after gravelling.

2. Maintenance of sub- county roads.

With funding from Kenya Roads Board (KRB) the county government is implementing Roads Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) projects across the county. These projects include grading, gravelling, bush clearing and drifts construction on various roads in the sub-counties. The projects have been grouped in three phases. In the first phase 20 projects covering 1087KMs were implemented at the end of last year, the second phase entails 32 projects covering 593.64 KM whose implementation started in January this year and most of the projects are now complete. The government is planning to implement the last batch of Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) projects in the 4th Quarter of F/Y 2018/2019 and inventory of projects to be implemented in this phase is underway.

3. Working on cross-border linkages.

The county government is working on cross boarder linkages and currently under the RMLF, road maintenance works at the 54KM Letea Junction-Elim-Loreng'-Ngamorkirionok-Nakitong'o-Kalae-National border road is ongoing. The county government is also doing a model road between Lorugum junction- Namoruputh- Lokiriama National border road.

SOCIAL PILLAR

This pillar aims at building a just cohesive society that enjoys equitable social development in a clean secure environment (housing and urbanisation) and supports marginalised communities of which Turkana is one of them.

We can never achieve affordable housing if we ignore Transport and Infrastructure development. The county ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works focuses on transport and infrastructural development to encourage affordable housing projects by investors.

Public Works department is entirely concerned with provision of adequate and effective government buildings, structures and other public works through technical skills and professional project management.

These implementations by the County Government will aid in transforming Kenya into a newly industrialising middle-income country providing a high quality of life to all its citizens by 2030.

Short Courses and Seminars to Improve Staff Capability

The Ministry of infrastructure, Transport and Public works endeavours to improve the capability of its staff. The ministry does by encouraging and supporting the staff to attend relevant short courses and seminars.

In the 3rd quarter of FY2018/2019, two officers from the ministry attended short courses while one attended a conference.

Chief Officer Infrastructure and Transport Ariko John Namoit attended a 6 weeks training at Kenya School of Government (KSG) on Strategic Leadership Development Program. The course took place between 28th January to 8th March 2019 and was offered at KSG Lower Kabete campus.

Being a senior officer with numerous leadership roles to perform, the course was important as it was aimed at boosting his leadership skills.

On the other hand, assistant administrative officer John Amui Ngipeyok undertook a two weeks training course on Supervisory Skills Development. The course took place from 4th March to 15th March 2019 at KSG Matunga campus.

As an administrative officer, Amui is in charge of supervising general administration activities at the ministry. This course provided an opportunity for the administrative officer to learn more and improve on his supervisory skills.

Lastly, Public Communication Officer Grace Mwanja attended '*National dialogue on strategies of mitigating technology assisted violence against women*', that took place on 7th March 2019 at Radisson Blue hotel in Nairobi.

The one-day conference was organised by Association of Media Women in Kenya (AMWIK) and ARTICLE 19 Eastern Africa, an organisation that articulates human rights. AMWIK is a recognised national media for women journalists from the print media, electronic media and communication while ARTICLE 19 East Africa is an organisation that works to ensure plurality and diversity in the media.

One of the tasks of the communication officer is managing the ministry's media pages. The conference was thus important as it provided guidelines on how to prevent negative attacks in the social media platforms.

The conference was aimed at;

i. Providing a platform for strengthening policies and regulations that seek to protect women's rights online including their security and literacy to increase women's influence in decision making and governance spheres.
ii. Highlighting and building consensus on findings on the study of tech-assisted violence against women in Kenya and how they can be mitigated.
iii. Providing a platform for different actors to share best practices in advocating for implementation of legal frameworks aimed at safeguarding women's rights.

Key panellists at the conference included, Hon Milllie Odhiambo– MP Suba North, Hon Martha Karua-chairperson NARK-K, Hon Godliver Omondi– deputy leader of minority (MCA Kholera ward-Kakamega, Hon Esther Passaris– member of the National Assembly among others.

CO Ariko John (right) at one of the sessions during the training

Administrator Amui at the KSG training

At the national dialogue on strategies of mitigating technology assisted violence against women

Good Infrastructure Will Boost Investment and Economy- Ariko Namoit

CO Ariko (2nd right) when he appeared before the committee

Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works targets to improve business activities and lessen economic budget to investors through good road network, County chief officer Infrastructure and Transport Ariko John Namoit has said.

Speaking when he and team appeared before the Turkana County Assembly Committee on Budget and Appropriation On 12th march, 2019 to discuss on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for FY 2019/20, Namoit said that the ministry is doing its best to ensure all areas in the county are accessible.

Noting the limited funds allocated to the ministry, Namoit said that the ministry is embracing partnership with other development partners like Kenya Roads Board (KRB) to fund infrastructural projects in the county that could not be possible to implement using the ordinary sharable revenue from the county government.

Namoit briefed the committee on the challenge of his department being understaffed but said that time and again the ministry has no option but to engage consultants when work becomes too much especially in the Public Works section and also considered staff capacity building through trainings, seminars and workshops to enhance their capability in dealing with emerging modern technology.

Chief Ariko also noted and acknowledged the poor drainage system in Lodwar but said that his department is committed and determined to work on the drainage system and that plans are underway and already engaging with the County Ministry of Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban Areas Management to kick start the exercise.

The CO revealed the Ministry's plan of coming up with a Transport Policy and that a committee is in place to handle this.

Public works Director, Kennedy Obongo on his part said that the ministry is effectively conducting supervision of County construction projects despite having few staff in the department. He also stated that stalled works at the construction of the material testing lab had resumed and once complete will save on cost and time spent on sending sample materials to be tested outside the county.

It was recommended that more funds be allocated for the following;

i. To cater for improvement of rural roads.

ii. To facilitate activities in the Public Communication section that was recently established at County Departments.

iii. To upgrade recently graveled 3KM Lodwar town roads to bitumen standard.

iv. Provide for counter funding of the existing Routine Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) by Kenya Roads Board (KRB) as was recommended by KRB during a meeting between Turkana County executive and KRB Board members last year.

The committee chairman. Hon Patrick Napion acknowledged that the department is doing excellent work stating that transport in most parts of the county has improved due to the road maintenance works that is being implemented by the ministry. He therefore requested that the maintenance works be extended to other areas that were not reached during the 1st and the 2nd phase of Routine Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) projects implementation.

Other officers accompanying the CO were; Engineer Simon Nakucho and Communication Officer Mwanja Grace.

New County Headquarters To Be Completed In 4 Months Time

A site visit for the new county headquarters was conducted on 27th March, 2019 followed by a site meeting at the County headquarters.

Work progress was noted to be good with expectations of having the project completed by 31st July 2019.

The sub-contractors were on site and they were encouraged to liaise with the main contractor to ensure smooth and timely delivery of the project.

The meeting was attended by the client (Turkana County Government) representatives– Deputy Director procurement Francis Esimit, Project Manager Eng. Kennedy Obongo, Architect David Mogikoyo, assistant engineer Samson Lomulen, Main contractor Dir. Manjit and all sub contractors.

The new county Headquarters.

Relief For Residents as County Government and Tullow Oil Partner to Protect Lokichar River

What welcomes you to Lokichar town is a beautiful landmark, a seasonal river, wide and darted with a few number of green puffy desert plants-Etestro (a Turkana Name for a plant species under the euphorbia family-Calotropisprocera). Some of the locals who are pastoralists pride in it as it provides food and water for their livestock. With the town expanding, others benefit from sand harvesting and leisure walks as well.

About ten years ago, the river was approximately 100M wide at most points. A huge difference can now be clearly seen at the side of the temporary drift, widening approximately up to 300m wide along the Lokichar-Lodwar road.

For every long rain the area experiences, a few times it may be, the results are alarming. Severe soil erosion at the banks and flooding has become an occurrence the locals dreadly fear. Due to the effects of the river, rain is not fully welcomed as it is a premonition of doom.

At first it wasn't a threat as the land was un-utilized, but with the expanding population, the area cannot afford to lose more land to the river.

Also with the floods doing damages such as carrying property and uprooting trees, the locals living along the river banks fear for their property and lives.

In an interview with some of the locals in the area, James Nyasio, a local who has seen the worst testifies that, "at one time I was shocked to see human bones floating on the river", while another stated that one of their family graves now lays in the middle of the river.

For quite some time, neither the locals nor the county government has been able to do anything about it due to lack of need and funds respectively.

After several failed proposals since 2016 by the ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and public works to start the river protection project, 2018 bored fruits as Tullow, a petroleum engineering company, accepted to fund one of the two phased project.

The county government is now able to do the Lokichar river protection works that is in two phases; Nawoiyatira section (150m) which is downstream and Achukulesaimo section (600m) which is upstream.
Tullow Company is funding the upstream project which is being implemented by the county government. On the other hand, the county government through the ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works will handle the downstream section with funds from the ordinary sharable revenue.

The contract for both phase one and two of the project has been handed over to the awarded contractors. The work was scheduled to begin on the 11th of January 2019 and end on the 10th of April 2019.

The Lokichar river protection works entail bush clearing, excavation, putting up gabions and finally grouting. It is a long term investment plan that promises security to the locals from the adverse effects of the river.

Visit by Batch Consultant Associates Ltd

Three officials from Batch Consultant Associates Ltd visited the ministry on 11th March 2018 and were engaged at the ministry till 15th march, 2019.

Batch Consultant Associates is a monitoring and evaluation consultant engaged by Kenya Roads Board to carry out Monitoring and Evaluation of Routine Maintenance Levy Fund conditional grant in Turkana county for the FY's 2018/2019 to 2020/2021.

The team was received at the ministry by Chief Officer Infrastructure and Transport Ariko Namoit before they began their task. They completed their work on 15th March and an exit meeting was held on this day at CEC's office. The meeting was chaired by CEC Benson Lokwang and was attended by CO Ariko, AG Director Amos Lokalale, Procurement officer Shakespeare Lomoe, Accountant Lewis Lochodo and the three consultants from Batch Consultant Associates

Minister Lokwang (Left) chairing the 15th March meeting

Business Activities to Flourish Along Kaleng-Kaikor-Napak Road

According to the Chief Officer Infrastructure and transport Ariko john Namoit, improvement of the steep rocky section on the 67KM Kaleng-Kaikor- Napak road will boost transport and business activities in Turkana North.

"Lorries ferrying goods from Lodwar to parts like Kibich will easily go through the sections once works are complete", said Namoit during an inventory exercise that was conducted on 18th March, 2019.

Namoit was accompanied by a team from the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works (MITPW) that comprised of Ag. Director Roads and Transport Amos Lokalale, Engineer Simon Nakucho, Roads overseer David Ekwam, Communication Officer Grace Mwanja, members of the County Assembly Committee on Transport, Public Works, Communication and Information Technology and a host of Turkana North Members of the County Assembly.

Plans are underway to have this steep section of the road improved during the implementation of the 3rd batch of Routine Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) projects scheduled for the 4th quarter of FY 2018/2019.

The inventory team agreed that dozer works will be done on the 2KM section of the road followed by concreting of the steep rocky section covering 300M.

The committee also checked on projects along the road that according to the ministry report submitted to them indicated they had been implemented. This was a validation exercise for projects that had been done by the ministry from FY 2017/2018 to 2018/2019.

Among the projects inspected were the 67KM Kaleng-Kaikor-Napak road/20M Nakitomet drift (TCG/MITPW/51/ 2017-2018) and 70M Kaleng-Kaikor drift (TCG/MITPW/31/2018-2019).

The committee was also able to check on the 70KM Kaeris Nadunga-Kakuma road/drift-(TCG/MITPW/61/2017-2018).

> "Lorries ferrying goods from Lodwar to parts like Kibich will easily go through the sections once works are complete"

The team then moved to parts of Turkana West where road works were ongoing. Some of the ongoing projects they checked included the 44KM Moru Anayece Junction-Letea- Kakuma road- (TCG/ MITPW/29/2018-2019). Here grading works were complete and gravelling works was ongoing.

While at the Kakuma-Letea road, the team was able to examine Kabulit 1&2 drifts each of 40M, following complaints from the community that the drifts sections were becoming impassible as a result of damages caused by rain waters.

The CO and the committee held a meeting with the community and an agreement was reached that the two drifts will be maintained in the 4th batch of RMLF project implementation. Previously, the drifts were constructed by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) but their status is now pathetic.

The team finally examined the 54KM Dongoron-Loreng-Ngamorkirionok-Nakitongo-Kalaae road (TCG/MIPW/33/2018-2019). Works were ongoing at the road and the committee had a chance to see how the road works are done. Here it was decided that concrete works be done on the witnessed loose ground covering 300M.

Inspection of the Dongoron-Loreng-Ngamorkirionok-Nakitongo-Kalaae road

Community engagement at Kabulit 1 drift

Community engagement at Kaalae market

The team also interacted with the Public at Kalae market that boarders Kenya and Uganda. The Public here expressed their gratitude to Governor Nanok's government for having considered to improve the road. They stated that this has boosted business activities at the market.

Later on, the committee will be visiting other parts of Turkana to ascertain projects by the county government in the Infrastructure sector as one of its core mandate is to oversee the works of the ministry.

Tackling Turkana East

Turkana East is a large sub-county covering 15,739.40sq.km with a population of approximately 90,466. It is a beautiful land with very attractive tourist sites such as Kapedo waterfalls, amazing rock art, Namortung'a Lotubae, singing stones and Lake Lokipi which attracts flamingoes. It is also a geo-thermal production site.

Turkana East sub-county borders Samburu, Baringo and Pokot to the east. It is therefore in regular conflicts with the people in these areas making it one of the sub-counties with a lot of insecurities. Due to this fact, development of infrastructure has been slow but the county government is putting measures in place to curb insecurity in the area.

Infrastructural projects in Turkana East mainly involve road maintenance works, drifts construction and opening of earth roads in insecure places.

Some of the completed projects in Turkana East include;

i. Lokori junction- Kamuge- road
ii. Elelea– Katilia– Nakatongwa road
iii. Lochoe Edome– Ekunyuk-Kaesamalit- Lopeduru road
iv. Kamuge – Baragoi drift

Ongoing Projects

i. Kamuge– Lomelo– Kapedo road
ii. Lokori junction– Kaaruko- Lopii road
iii. Lopii- Kaaruko drift

The following projects have been awarded to contractors but not handed over due to insecurity

i. Routine maintenance of Lomelo- Nadame road
ii. Proposed construction of Lomelo- Nadame drift 1
iii. Proposed construction of Lomelo- Nadame drift 2
iv. Proposed construction of Lokineimoe drift

CO Ariko Namoit (Left) and Director Trade James Lokwale (Right) at the Kapedo waterfalls

Namortung'a Lotubae rocks

Ministry team during inspection of Lokori junction-Kamuge Kamuge road whose maintenance works were completed in October 1ast year.

The various projects done in this sub-county since devolution by the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Public Works has impacted positively on the activities regularly undertaken in the area. Security vehicles can now access the areas quickly in times of attack.

Also, with the improved roads, business trucks can easily deliver goods without difficulties. Also, with the other constructions going on, small businesses are opening up along the roads. These contributes to improved economy of the county and the country at large.

The tourism sector has highly been boosted since the projects started. With the sites now being easily accessible, the locals have been encouraged to visit the sites in the area.

It is therefore no secret that the ministry has done and is still doing incredible works in Turkana East.

Tackling Turkana East

CEC Benson Lokwang Congratulates Pauline Lokuruka, after she was sworn in as Chief Officer Tourism, Culture and Natural Resources in January this year.

CO Ariko Namoit congratulates Yusuf Abdullahi after he was sworn in as Chief Officer Economic Planning in January this year.

Ministerial Human Resource management committee meeting held on 27th march, 2019

Inspection of maintenance works at Public Works residence– Napuu irrigation scheme road.

Inspection of Lorengelup drift

During inspection of Lomil– Nakitokirion– Kangataruk road

Quarter 3 Pictorial

Grading of Lorengelup-Napusmoru-Kaekorisogol road on 26th March 2019

20M Nakitomet drift in Turkana North

Inspection of maintenance works at the 3.5KM Robert Junction-Kanam Primary– Canaan road.

Inspection of Kaikor-Nakitomet drift in Turkana North.

Kaleng– Kaikor drift construction.

Handing over exercise of the 54KM Dongoron-Loreng-Ngamorkirionok-Nakitongo-Kalae road to the awarded contractor .

Quarter 3 Pictorial

Handing over of 43km Narengewoi-Riokomor-Kaekoropus road to the awarded contractor.

Handing over exercise of the 2.7KM Lobolo-Longelech road to the awarded contractor.

Inspection of works at the 7KM NCPB junct-Nakwamekwi Pry-Naurienpuu road.

Inspection of Robert junct-Kanamkemer-Canaan road.

Ministry team inspecting works done at 50M Nayanae-Elim drift which is a project implemented in the 2nd phase of RMLF projects.

Group photo of ministry team that inspected the Public Works residence– Napuu irrigation scheme road.

Quarter 3 Pictorial

The graveled Public Works residence– Napuu irrigation scheme road being compacted.

CO Ariko Namoit (Right) supervising works at the Public Works residence– Napuu irrigation scheme road being compacted.

At Lodwar High junction-Baptist Church-Nawoi-Natotol Junction-Lodwar Primary-Public Works offices road during ongoing works.

Ministry team inspecting the Lodwar High junction-Baptist Church-Nawoi-Natotol Junction-Lodwar Primary-Public Works offices road.

Minister Benson Lokwang (Left) and team inspecting the Lodwar High junction-Baptist Church-Nawoi-Natotol Junction-Lodwar Primary-Public Works offices road.

Kerio Ngimuriae Drift

Quarter 3 Pictorial

Supervision and inspection of the 43KM Narengewoi-Riokomor- Kaekorupus.

Inspection of the 44KM Moru Anayece-Kakuma road.

Inspection and supervision of the 50KM Makutano A1 junction Ngamor Akwaak road.

A section of the 50KM Makutano A1 junction Ngamor Akwaak road .

Supervision of works at the 40KM A1 junction-Lomil-Nakitokirion-Kangataruk road.

Handing over the 54KM Dongoron- Loreng-Ngamorkirionok-Nakitongo- Kalae road project to the awarded contractor.

Quarter 3 Pictorial

Team during inspection and supervision of works at the 54KM Dongoron- Loreng-Ngamorkirionok-Nakitongo- Kalae road.

County Assembly Committee on Transport, Public works, Communication and Information technology and ministry team inspecting works Dongoron-Loreng-Ngamorkirionok-Nakitongo- Kalae road.

County Assembly Committee on Transport, Public works, Communication and Information technology and ministry team at the damaged Kabulit Drift along the Kakuma-Letea road.

CO Ariko Namoit (in black Cap) Engaging the Public at Kaalae boarder market

During inspection of the 40M Kaaruko –Lopii drift

Inspection of works at Letea Junction-Dongoron road

CEC Benson Lokwang (2nd left facing front) and team during inspection of the 2.7KM Lobolo Longelech road.

Inspection of maintenance works at the 3.5KM Robert Junction-Kanam Primary– Canaan road.

During inspection of the 5KM Kakuma Natiir road in Turkana West

Graveled 5KM Kakuma Natiir road in Turkana West.

Group photo of ministry team that inspected maintenance works at the Lodwar streets roads.

Group photo of ministry team that inspected maintenance works at the 3.5KM Robert Junction-Kanam Primary– Canaan road.

Quarter 3 Pictorial

Kaaruko-Lopii drift in Turkana East as at 25th March 2019.

Overhaul of machines working on Lorengelup-Napusmoru-Kaekorisogol road.

Inspection of 25KM Kalobeyei-Lokwamoru-Napeikar road.

Lorengelup drift as at 11th March 2019.

CEC Benson Lokwang (Left) Meeting ministry support staff.

Quarter 3 Pictorial

Inspection of Moru Anayeche– Letea– Kakuma road

Inspection of Kaaruko– Lopii drift

Inspection of Kaaruko– Lopii drift

Katilu drift Publicity sign post

Inspection of Katilu drift in Turkana East

Katilu drift in in Turkana East

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