



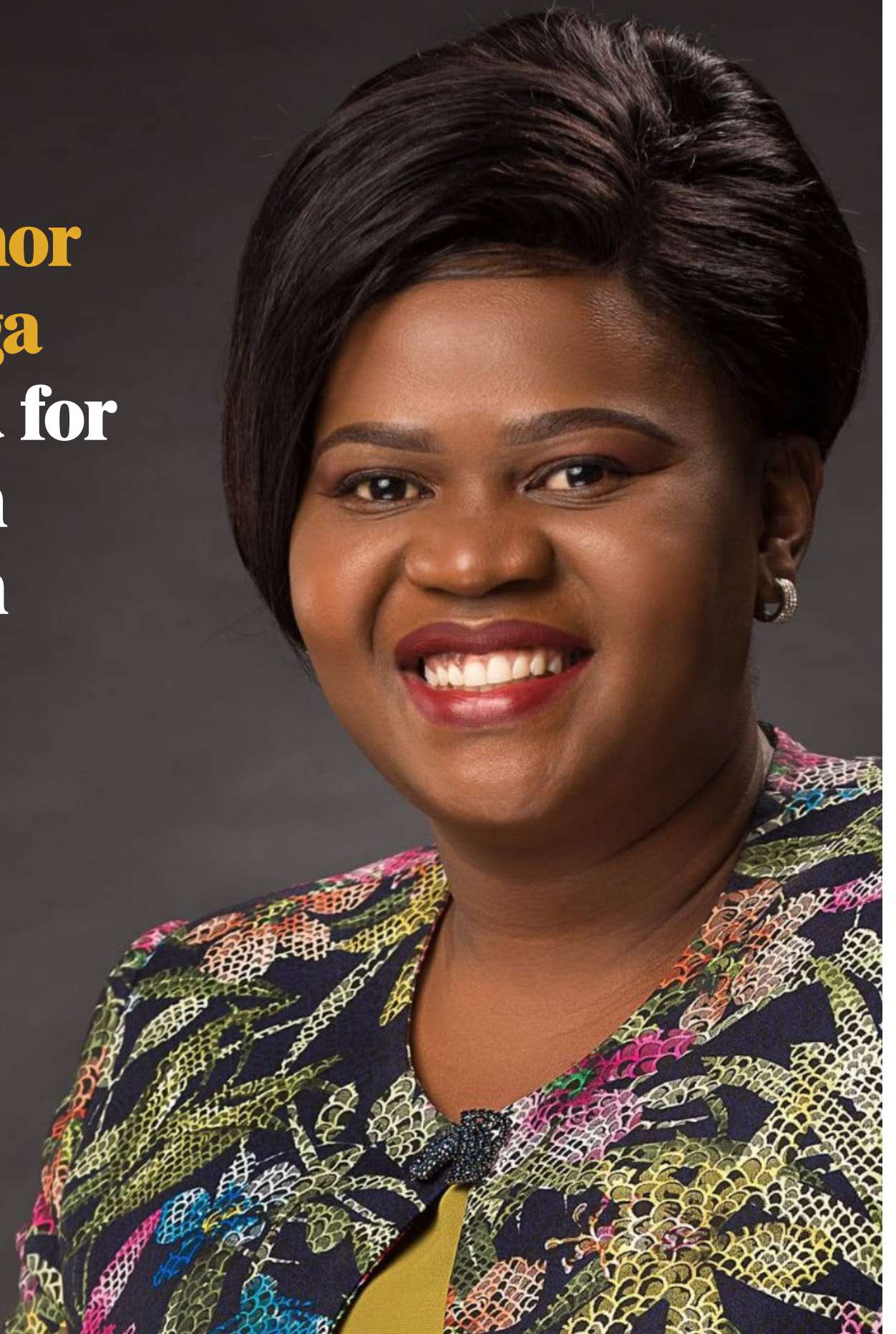
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**What Governor
Gladys Wanga
has delivered for
Homa Bay in
her first term**



Homa Bay wards bag multimillion-shilling health facilities upgrades



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and the rehabilitation and upgrading of health facilities.

Patients at Ang'iya Health Centre in Homa Bay County on January 30, 2025. PHOTO | Moses Kajwang.

In Kanyamwa Kologi Ward, the county government spent

Ksh567,682
renovating Langi Health Centre.

To enhance healthcare service delivery for Homa Bay residents, the county government embarked on an ambitious programme to improve physical infrastructure in health facilities across all wards.

According to data from the Homa Bay County Government, 230 out of the 272 public health infrastructure projects have been completed.

The developments include the construction of medical staff houses, maternity wings, laboratories, outpatient units,

Homa Bay Town Sub-County

In Homa Bay Town Ward, the county government spent Ksh1.83 million to construct a staff house at Nyamasi Health Centre, enabling medical personnel to reside on-site and provide round-the-clock primary healthcare services.

In Homa Bay West Ward, a staff house was constructed at Koduogo Health Centre at a cost of Ksh3 million, providing accommodation for healthcare workers stationed at the facility.

In Homa Bay East Ward, the

county government spent Ksh3 million to construct a laboratory at Imbo Health Centre. The facility also received a new maternity block costing Ksh39 million.

Also in Homa Bay East Ward, a maternity block was constructed at Orego Health Centre at a cost of Ksh6 million.

The county government also allocated Ksh3 million for the construction of a new maternity wing at Dago Dispensary.

Additionally, a staff house was constructed at Nyamasi Health Centre at a cost of Ksh1.8 million.

In Arujo Ward, a maternity ward was constructed at a cost of Ksh3 million.

The county government also spent Ksh6 million to convert part of the blood bank at Homa Bay Teaching and Referral Hospital into an Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

In Homa Bay Central Ward, a staff house was constructed at Wiga Dispensary at a cost of Ksh3 million.

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Ndhiwa Sub-County

At Ndhiwa Sub-County Hospital, a maternity block was constructed at a cost of Ksh4.3 million.

In Kanyamwa Kologi Ward, the county government spent Ksh567,682 renovating Langi Health Centre.

The Level 3 facility was upgraded with modern structures, expanded to a 40-bed capacity, and connected to piped water.

In Kanyikela Ward, Minyere Health Centre was constructed at a cost of Ksh3 million.

In Kanyamwa Kosewe Ward, Sangore Dispensary was constructed as part of the county government’s health infrastructure improvement programme.

In Kabuoch North Ward, a male ward was constructed at Magina Health Centre.

In Kanyadoto Ward, a maternity ward was built at Amoyo

Rangi Community Dispensary that was constructed at a cost of Ksh4 million. PHOTO | Courtesy.

Dispensary at a cost of Ksh2.6 million. Pala Koguta Health Centre was rehabilitated at a cost of Ksh1.9 million.

In Gem West Ward, Rang'i Community Dispensary was constructed at a cost of Ksh4 million. The county government also renovated Ndhiwa Level 4 Hospital at a cost of Ksh3.4 million.

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The facility ends a long-standing challenge for our people, finally providing a public, dignified space for families to honour their loved ones

Additionally, a maternity wing was constructed at Ratanga Health Centre at a cost of Ksh5.8 million.

Rangwe Sub-County

In West Gem Ward, the county

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government completed the fencing of Aoch Muga Health Centre.

In East Gem Ward, Ksh3 million was spent to complete a maternity wing at Dago Health Centre.

In East Kochia Ward, Oneno Health Centre was constructed at a cost of Ksh4 million.

Also in East Gem Ward, Dago Dispensary was completed and equipped to provide accessible primary healthcare services.

A staff house was also constructed at Nyawawa Health Centre in West Gem Ward.

In Rangwe Sub-County, Onyege

In Rangwe Sub-County, Onyege Health Centre was built at a cost of

Ksh2m

In Kojwach Ward,

Ksh3m

was spent rehabilitating Ajoy Ogera Health Centre.

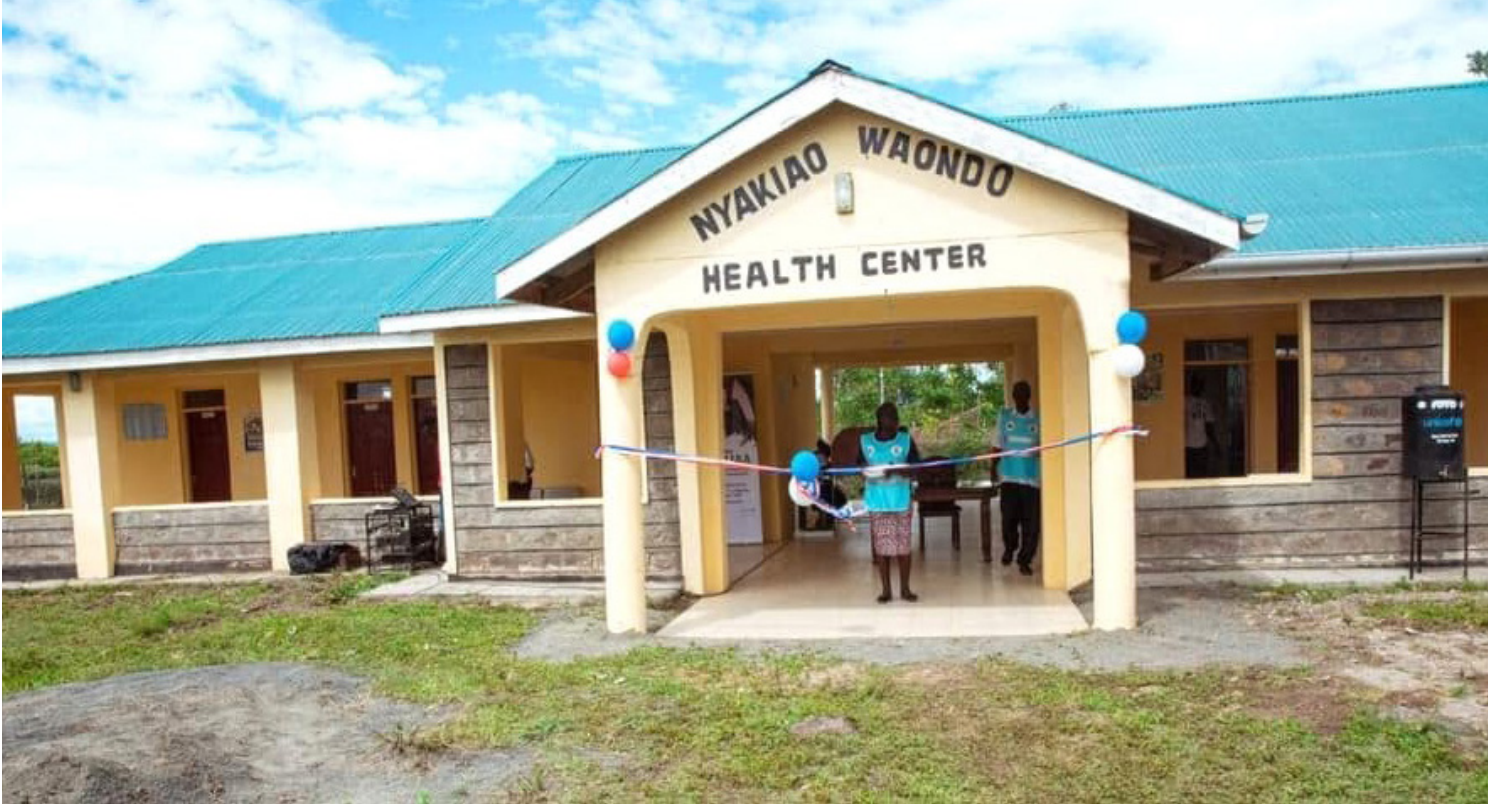
Kisege Level 4 Hospital in Gwasi North Ward in this February 19, 2025 photo. It was upgraded at a cost of Ksh3 million by the County Government of Homa Bay. PHOTO | Gladys Wanga.

Health Centre was built at a cost of Ksh2 million.

Rachuonyo South Sub-County

A staff house was constructed at Aimo Health Centre in East Kamagak at a cost of Ksh3.5 million, providing secure on-site accommodation for healthcare workers and improving emergency response.

In Kojwach Ward, Ksh3 million



Nyakiao Waondo Health Center was officially commissioned on November 27, 2024 by Governor Gladys Wanga. PHOTO | HBC.

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was spent rehabilitating Ajoy Ogera Health Centre. The county government also invested Ksh3 million in upgrading God Agak Health Centre.

In South Kasipul Ward, infrastructure upgrades at Midland Health Centre included the installation of electricity and water, improved sanitation facilities, and enhanced security. The project cost Ksh357,924.

In West Kamagak Ward, a maternity wing was completed at Wire Health Centre at a cost of Ksh3 million.

An outpatient unit was also constructed at Rachuonyo South Level 4 Hospital at a cost of Ksh5 million.

Nyangiela Health Centre in South Kasipul Ward was renovated at a cost of Ksh521,524.

In East Kamagak Ward, Sikri Dispensary was constructed at a

cost of Ksh5 million. Nyahera Health Centre in South Kasipul was built at a cost of Ksh4.6 million, while Nyandiwa Health Centre in West Kamagak Ward was constructed at a cost of Ksh3.5 million.

A maternity wing was also constructed in West Kasipul Ward at a cost of Ksh3.5 million.

The county government further constructed a staff house at God Agulu Health Centre at a cost of Ksh3.5 million.

Osiepe Health Centre in South Kasipul Ward was constructed at a cost of Ksh3.5 million.

Nyalgosi Health Centre in Central Kasipul Ward benefited from a Ksh3 million upgrade.

In East Kamagak Ward, Ojwando Health Centre was constructed at a cost of Ksh3.5 million, while Orembe Health Centre was renovated at a cost of Ksh500,000.

A maternity block was also constructed at Kuoyo Dispensary in South Kasipul Ward at a cost of Ksh6 million.

In Central Kasipul Ward, Mbita Kalando Dispensary was constructed at a cost of Ksh3.5 million.

Rachuonyo North Sub-County

Abundu Health Centre in Kibiri Ward was constructed at a cost of Ksh4.5 million.

The county government also spent Ksh2 million renovating Adita Health Centre in Wang’chieng Ward, reviving a facility that had remained neglected and largely non-functional for years.

In Kibiri Ward, Oriwo Dispensary was completed at a cost of Ksh967,492. The facility provides outpatient and maternity services to the local community.

In Central Kasipul Ward, Mbita Kalando Dispensary was constructed at a cost of

Ksh3.5m

Nyangiela Health Centre in South Kasipul Ward was renovated at a cost of

Ksh521,524

A maternity wing was also constructed in West Kasipul Ward at a cost of

Ksh3.5m

The county government also spent

Ksh2m

renovating Adita Health Centre in Wang’chieng Ward

A maternity ward was also constructed at Okiki Amayo Health Centre in West Karachuonyo Ward at a cost of Ksh1.1 million.

New staff houses were built at Pala Health Centre.



Governor Gladys Wanga visits the Kisumu Level 4 Hospital in Gwasi North Ward on February 19, 2025. PHOTO | HBC.

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A medical officer at the now fully equipped Newborn Unit at Rachuonyo County Hospital. The unit is expected to improve access to specialised neonatal care for newborns. PHOTO | HBC.

At Kendu Bay Sub-County Hospital, a maternity wing was constructed at a cost of Ksh3.92 million to expand maternal healthcare services.

Nyaoga Health Centre in North Karachuonyo Ward was constructed at a cost of Ksh1.1 million.

A staff house was also built at Got Oyaro Health Centre at a cost of Ksh1.9 million.

Rachuonyo East Sub-County

In Wang'chieng Ward, the county government constructed a maternity ward at Ager Dispensary at a cost of Ksh1.82 million, improving access to safe maternal healthcare and reducing maternal

and infant mortality.

Ramula Sub-County Hospital underwent refurbishment worth Ksh1.8 million.

In Kojwach Ward, Dudu Health Centre was completed at a cost of Ksh2,245,702.

Kabondo Kasipul Sub-County

Jwelu Dispensary was constructed at a cost of Ksh6 million.

Dudu Health Centre in Kojwach Ward was also completed at a cost of Ksh2,245,702.

Suba North Sub-County

In Kasungu Ward, Ang'iya Health Centre underwent infrastructure upgrades, including

the construction of a maternity wing and installation of a solar-powered water system.

The county government also completed a staff house in Kasungu Ward at a cost of Ksh3 million.

Rapora Dispensary in Lambwe Ward was completed at a cost of Ksh3.5 million and is expected to serve approximately 300 households.

Kakrigu Health Centre in Rusinga Ward was upgraded at a cost of Ksh2.9 million.

At Mukende Dispensary in Kaksingri Ward, a staff house was constructed at a cost of Ksh3.5 million.

At Gingo Dispensary in Kaksingri Ward, a ward was constructed at a cost of KSh1.5 million, alongside a

staff house costing Ksh2.5 million.

Kitare Health Centre also underwent upgrades worth Ksh321,682.

Suba South Sub-County

On Mfangano Island, Wamai Health Centre was constructed at a cost of Ksh3 million.

A staff house was built at Malongo Health Centre in Gwasi North Ward at a cost of Ksh1 million.

Kisegi Level 4 Hospital in Gwasi North Ward was upgraded at a cost of Ksh3 million.

Lwanda Health Centre in Gwasi South Ward was renovated at a cost of Ksh3 million.

The county government also constructed Kithereka Dispensary in Gwasi South at a cost of Ksh3.5 million.

How Raila Odinga stadium reinvigorated Homa Bay County



Kenyans follow Madaraka Day celebrations on June 1, 2025 at the Raila Odinga Stadium in Homa Bay County. PHOTO | EPD

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As devolution enters its third phase, residents of Homa Bay County are reaping bountifully following the construction of 12-000-seater Raila Odinga International Stadium.

The project – jointly done by the devolved unit and the national government – has delivered a good training ground for youth and local community to nurture their talents while also creating job opportunities for at least 1,000 people.

The stadium also catalysed infrastructure development; to make the stadium open, the government rehabilitated more

than 35 kilometers of surrounding roads.

This has facilitated easier movement of people and agricultural products, lowering transit costs for traders.

The stadium is also encouraging sports tourism in the Lake County by positioning itself as one of the top sporting arenas in South Nyanza region; the stadium attracts regional football tournaments, athletics, and even corporate functions.

These activities draw outside capital directly into Homa Bay's hospitality sector.

The facility also serves as a grand venue for massive cultural events like the Luo Nation Cultural Extravaganza and public holidays, boosting regional pride and

community cohesion.

The stadium has also enhanced civic pride and inclusivity by making sure the amenities include wheelchair-accessible entrances and restrooms; this ensures that all members of the community, including those with disabilities, can comfortably participate in normal life.

This has also increased national visibility of Homa Bay County, as now it has amenities that can host national events and even major national or international events.

The intervention will help contribute to the government's target of building a responsive and competitive youth by providing opportunities for identifying, nurturing, enhancing and monetising talents through sports infrastructure by 2030.

According to the Ministry of

Phase one of the project was completed by the county in July 2023 at cost of

Ksh 369m
project.

Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports Strategic Plan 2023 – 2027, the construction of the stadium feeds into the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) model that advocates for sports mainstreaming as a catalyst of socio-economic transformation.

The Plan delineates that investment in sporting infrastructure and facilities will help the youth generate income and contribute to the development of the country.

“The current BETA model identifies the State Department

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for Sports as a key contributor in Economic Empowerment through various interventions. They include review and development of sports policies and legal framework; monetizing talents and putting “Pesa mfukoni” for the youth through Talanta Hela Initiatives; sports infrastructural facility development to enhance elite sports performance; and promoting sports tourism through establishment of requisite infrastructural facilities and marketing Kenya as a sports tourism destination,” the documents states.

Consequently, the facility, also referred to as Homa Bay County Stadium, was upgraded to a modern stadium alongside Kasarani, Nyayo National Stadium in Nairobi, Bukhungu Stadium in Bungoma and Kirigiti Stadium in Kiambu.

Phase one of the project was completed by the county in July 2023 at cost of Ksh 369 million project. The national government came in to do the terraces around the stadium.

After opening, the stadium was selected to host various Football Kenya Federation Premier League matches, with Shabana Football Club using it as a temporary home ground while Gusii Stadium in Kisii County underwent renovations. At that time, the single pavilion accommodated 3,000 spectators.

Later in December 2024, President William Ruto and the late former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, while on tour in the county, directed the Ministry of Sports and Culture to allocate funds to renovate the stadium.

The expansion began in January 2025 spearheaded by Modern Precast Kenya Limited using precast concrete technology that involves off-site manufacturing of structural components assembled on site, offering faster timelines, better quality control and reduced wastage.

The State Department for Sports conducted the upgrade at a cost of Ksh500 million, increasing the number of entrances from two to eight, including two VIP entries and six for the public.

The project was handed over to the Homa Bay Governor Wanga by Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim

Mvurya in May 2025 ahead of Madaraka Day celebrations the following month. The stadium hosted Kenya’s first-ever National Madaraka Day celebration on June 1, 2025, with a confirmed 20,000-strong crowd in attendance.

According to the Fourth Medium Term Plan 2023–2027, adequate investment in the development of sports and arts infrastructure is considered a major enabler of economic empowerment for young people, local communities and overall national development.

“The sector plays a critical role as a driver and enabler in providing cost-effective public utilities, infrastructure facilities and services critical for socio-economic development. The investments in infrastructure have contributed significantly to the annual growth of Gross Domestic Product,” the report states.

Specifically, in addition to the completion of the Raila Odinga Stadium, the construction of state-of-the-art stadia across the country promotes hosting of cultural events and local and international sports championships, establishment of knowledge ports such as libraries for access to information services and domiciling of heritage sites.



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The 12,000-seater **Raila Odinga International Stadium** has transformed Homa Bay into a regional sports and events hub, creating jobs, nurturing youth talent, boosting tourism, improving surrounding infrastructure, attracting national events, and stimulating local businesses while strengthening community pride and economic growth.



Kenya’s disciplined forces march past the main dais of Raila Odinga Stadium during the June 1, 2025 Madaraka Day Celebrations in Homa Bay County. PHOTO | PSC.

Irrigation, revival of coffee, cotton farming transforms Homa Bay agriculture sector



Governor Gladys Wanga during a visit at the Kimira-Oluch Irrigation Scheme on February 2, 2023. PHOTO | GPS.

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Homa Bay County is implementing a broad agricultural transformation programme aimed at revitalising key value chains, improving food security, creating employment opportunities and increasing household incomes.

The county government has prioritised the revival of cotton farming, expansion of coffee production and investment in irrigation infrastructure as part of its long-term strategy to modernize agriculture and enhance economic development.

These initiatives are designed to empower local farmers, strengthen agricultural value chains and promote value addition through strategic investments in production, aggregation and processing.

Reviving cotton

To accelerate the revival of the cotton industry, Homa Bay County has established a modern cotton aggregation centre in Magare at a cost of Ksh250 million.

The facility serves as a central collection point where farmers deliver harvested cotton before it is processed and marketed. The aggregation centre is expected to reduce post-harvest losses, improve the quality of cotton and ensure farmers receive better prices by strengthening market linkages.

Complementing this investment is the establishment of a County Aggregation and Industrial Park at Riwa in Karachuonyo Constituency. The industrial park has been designed to promote value addition by facilitating the processing of locally produced cotton into finished and semi-finished



Governor Gladys Wanga officially launched her Pamba Mwandu initiative on May 28, 2024 focused on revitalising cotton farming in the County. PHOTO | GPS.

products.

Together, the cotton aggregation centre and the industrial park are expected to enhance the county's industrialization agenda by creating employment opportunities, attracting investors and strengthening the local textile value chain.

The facilities also support the government's broader objective of increasing local manufacturing while reducing dependence on imported textile products. By providing a reliable market for cotton growers and encouraging local processing, the county aims to stimulate economic growth while empowering farmers in the lakeside county.

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A view of the Kimira-Oluch Irrigation Scheme on February 2, 2023. PHOTO | GPS.

‘Pamba Mwandu’ campaign

To complement investments in processing infrastructure, the County Government of Homa Bay has undertaken a major programme to revive cotton farming through Governor Gladys Wanga’s “Pamba Mwandu” (Cotton is Wealth) campaign.

The initiative involves the distribution of farm inputs valued at Ksh14,965,500 to cotton farmers across the county. The programme seeks to increase cotton acreage, improve productivity and restore Homa Bay’s historical position as one of Kenya’s leading cotton-producing regions.

Under the programme, each registered farmer receives one kilogramme of BT cotton seeds together with

150 millilitres

of pesticides to facilitate proper crop establishment and management.

The initiative involves the distribution of farm inputs valued at

Ksh14,965,500

to cotton farmers across the county

Implemented in partnership with the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) – Fibre Crops Directorate, the initiative has directly benefited more than 2,500 farmers. Through this collaboration, farmers receive improved agricultural inputs, technical support and extension services aimed at increasing cotton production and improving the

overnor Gladys Wanga’s “Pamba Mwandu” campaign has so far distributed farm inputs worth Ksh14,965,500, including 2,500kgs of BT cotton seeds, 7,500 units of pesticides, and 11 spray pumps to 19 cotton cooperatives. PHOTO | HBC.

quality of harvested fibre.

As part of the campaign, the county has already distributed BT cotton seeds worth Ksh3 million to farmers across various sub-counties. BT cotton is recognized for its improved resistance to pests, particularly the destructive bollworm, enabling farmers to achieve higher yields while reducing production costs associated with excessive pesticide use.

The county has distributed the farm inputs through organized farmer cooperatives to ensure efficient and equitable access.

Under the programme, each registered farmer receives one kilogramme of BT cotton seeds together with 150 millilitres of pesticides to facilitate proper crop establishment and management.

Among the beneficiaries is Kipasi Cooperative in Lambwe Ward, Suba North Sub County, which received 400 kilogrammes of BT cotton seeds and 1,200 units of pesticides. The support is expected to significantly increase cotton cultivation within the cooperative while improving farmers’ productivity and incomes.

Similarly, Dhok Mit Cooperative in West Karachuonyo Ward received



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Governor Gladys Wanga's "Pamba Mwandu" campaign has gained momentum with 2,500kgs of BT cotton seeds having been distributed to farmers as at May 19, 2026. PHOTO | HBC.

300 kilogrammes of BT cotton seeds and 900 units of pesticides. The distribution is expected to enhance cotton production in the area while encouraging more farmers to embrace commercial cotton farming.

Several other cooperatives also benefited from the programme. These include Huma, Rhino, Nokiwe, Nyalkinyi, Koreda Aros, Gari, Kibiri, Kaluya, Kochia, Kanyada, Pala, Kimira, Mama Pamba, Wang Chieng, Kendu Bay Farmers, Nyakongo and Lambwe cooperatives.

Through these organized farmer groups, the county government is promoting collective production, improving access to extension services and strengthening farmer participation in the cotton value chain.

The "Pamba Mwandu" campaign forms part of the county's wider strategy to revive the textile sector by increasing cotton production while creating sustainable livelihoods for farming households.

Promoting coffee farming

Besides cotton, Homa Bay

County is also promoting the expansion of coffee farming to diversify agricultural production and improve farmer incomes.

Working in partnership with New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (KPCU PLC), the county government has been distributing certified subsidized coffee seedlings to farmers across several coffee-growing areas. The programme targets farmers in Rachuonyo North, Rachuonyo South, Ndhiwa and Suba South sub-counties.

The initiative aims to increase coffee acreage by encouraging both new and existing farmers to adopt improved coffee varieties

with higher productivity and better resistance to diseases. Access to certified seedlings ensures that farmers establish quality plantations capable of producing high yields while meeting market standards.

The partnership with New KPCU PLC also seeks to strengthen coffee marketing and improve returns for farmers through organized production and enhanced market access.

Expanding irrigation

In addition to promoting high-value crops, Homa Bay County has embarked on an ambitious irrigation programme aimed at transforming agriculture from rain-fed production to climate-smart, year-round farming.

The county's irrigation initiatives are steadily reshaping the agricultural landscape by increasing the availability of water for farming, improving food production and enabling farmers to cultivate high-value crops throughout the year.

These investments are expected to reduce vulnerability to climate change while increasing agricultural productivity across the county. The county government is investing in irrigation infrastructure across all sub-counties as part of its strategy to unlock agricultural potential, improve food security and enhance household incomes.

The projects are designed to support sustainable agricultural production while creating employment opportunities for local communities.

Kimira-Oluch Irrigation Scheme

One of the county's flagship irrigation investments is the revitalized Kimira-Oluch Irrigation Scheme, which has become a major success story in agricultural transformation.

Through extensive rehabilitation of irrigation canals covering approximately 5,000 acres, the county has successfully transformed a previously underutilized 2,000-acre swamp into a productive rice farming zone.

The revitalization has significantly improved water distribution, enabling farmers to



The modern cotton aggregation centre in Magare established by the Homa Bay County government at a cost of Ksh250 million. PHOTO | Lolwe TV.

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A view of the Kimira-Oluch Irrigation Scheme on February 2, 2023. PHOTO | Raymond Omollo.

cultivate rice more efficiently while increasing overall agricultural productivity.

Currently, the scheme directly benefits more than 1,500 farmers who are engaged in commercial rice production. Besides rice farming, many farmers within the irrigation scheme have diversified into sunflower, soybean and horticultural crop production as a strategy for increasing household incomes and improving food security.

The Kimira-Oluch Irrigation Scheme spans Karachuonyo and Rangwe constituencies and operates as a gravity-fed irrigation system utilizing water drawn from River Awach. The efficient water distribution system supports thousands of farmers by providing reliable irrigation throughout the year.

Following the rehabilitation of its canals, the scheme has converted formerly waterlogged swamps into a vibrant 2,000-acre rice production hub. Plans are underway to further expand the irrigation area to approximately 10,000 acres, which will significantly increase food production and create additional economic opportunities for local communities.

Rambira irrigation project

The county is also implementing the Rambira Irrigation Project in Karachuonyo, another important investment aimed at improving agricultural productivity.

The Ksh164 million project comprises two dams with a combined water storage capacity of approximately 150 million litres. The dams are designed to harvest and store water for irrigation throughout the year, ensuring reliable water supply even during prolonged dry seasons.

The project currently supports irrigation on approximately 100 acres of farmland, enabling farmers to engage in continuous crop production regardless of seasonal rainfall patterns.

In addition to supporting crop farming, the project provides water for livestock, contributing significantly to livestock production and improving the livelihoods of pastoral households within the area.

Nyamaji irrigation project

Another flagship irrigation initiative is the Nyamaji Irrigation Project located in Lambwe Ward,

Suba North Sub County.

The project is being implemented as a climate-smart agricultural intervention aimed at promoting sustainable farming while improving resilience to climate change. The project is expected to convert approximately 1,500 acres into productive irrigated farmland.

The project seeks to promote modern agricultural practices, create employment opportunities, improve food production and increase household incomes.

By ensuring reliable access to water, the irrigation scheme is expected to encourage farmers to cultivate high-value crops throughout the year while reducing dependence on erratic rainfall.

Sindo irrigation project

In Suba South Sub County, irrigation development is also progressing through the Sindo Irrigation Development Project, which is managed by the National Irrigation Authority.

The project focuses on expanding irrigation infrastructure in the Sindo area to increase agricultural production and improve food

security. It also aims to empower local communities by creating employment opportunities and promoting inclusive participation in agriculture.

Special emphasis has been placed on involving youth, women and persons with disabilities in irrigated farming activities.

Through improved access to irrigation, the project seeks to enhance agricultural productivity, increase incomes and contribute to sustainable socio-economic development within the county.

Collectively, these investments in cotton revival, coffee development and irrigation infrastructure demonstrate Homa Bay County's commitment to transforming agriculture into a modern, productive and commercially viable sector.

By strengthening value chains, expanding irrigation, promoting climate-smart farming and supporting farmers with quality inputs, the county is laying a solid foundation for increased food security, higher household incomes, industrial growth and long-term economic development.

The new Homa Bay County Government headquarters featuring the Governor's official office. PHOTO | HBC.



The upgrade and runway extension at Kabunde Airstrip is complete and flights have resumed for both passengers and cargo, a major win for the Homa Bay County and neighbouring regions. PHOTO | HBC.

The completed Rakoro, Pala and Osure Early Years Education (EYE) classrooms in Kanyamwa Kosewe Ward, Ndihiwa Sub County. PHOTO | Homa Bay County.



A patient undergoing a medical procedure at Homa Bay County Teaching and Referral Hospital. The facility has been installed with advanced Laparoscopic, Echocardiographic and Endoscopy Tower systems for advanced diagnosis. PHOTO | Homa Bay County.



The completed Rachuoonyo South Hospital Outpatient Department (OPD) that had stalled and abandoned for years. PHOTO | Homa Bay County.



Locals of Kongo, Okota and Ogingo cross the Kongo bridge on River Riana on May 12, 2026 when it was officially commissioned by Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga. PHOTO | HBC.



In a bid to boost food security in Homa Bay County, Governor Gladys Wanga's administration has consistently distributed seeds, including maize and sorghum, to farmers every year. PHOTO | HBC.



Security lights in Homa Bay Town have sparked a 24-hour economy and improved security of locals. PHOTO | HBC.

Gladys Wanga, Homa Bay County Governor in pictures. PHOTOS | Homa Bay County.





Homa Bay reaps big after sinking millions to modernise beaches, boost fisheries

Local youths participate in a boat rowing competition on Lake Victoria at Achich Beach after the official opening of Management Unit Offices in a ceremony led by Governor Gladys Wanga and Blue Economy Cabinet Secretary Hassan Joho on May 28, 2025. PHOTO | GPS.

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The Homa Bay County Government has continued to strengthen the fisheries sector and improve sanitation in beach communities through the construction of fish bandas, pit latrines, solar lighting installations and other public amenities across the county.

The ongoing investments, spearheaded by Governor Gladys Wanga's administration, are aimed at creating a cleaner, safer and more conducive environment for fish traders, fishermen and the thousands of residents whose livelihoods depend on Lake Victoria.

The projects, spread across Suba North, Suba South, Homa Bay Town, Rangwe and Rachuonyo North sub-counties, represent a

significant investment in fisheries infrastructure and public health.

The county government says the developments are intended to improve fish handling standards, enhance hygiene at landing beaches, increase security and stimulate local economic growth.

One of the flagship projects is

the construction of the Alero Beach Fish Banda in Rusinga Island, Suba North Sub-County, at a cost of Ksh3 million.

The modern fish banda provides traders with a designated facility for handling and marketing fish under improved sanitary conditions. The project is expected to reduce post-harvest losses while improving the quality of fish sold to consumers.

Rusinga Island has also benefited

from several sanitation projects. At Chiro Beach, the county government has constructed a pit latrine costing Ksh350,000 to improve hygiene and reduce open defecation within the busy landing site.

Another pit latrine has been completed at Litare Beach at a similar cost of Ksh350,000, further expanding access to sanitation facilities for beach users.

The county government has also completed the construction of the Kaugege Beach Fish Banda in the same sub-county. The facility is expected to provide fish traders with a clean and organized environment for conducting business, supporting efforts to modernize fish markets across Homa Bay County.

Development efforts have equally reached Gwasi North Ward in Suba South Subcounty, where the county government has completed the Kisege Fish Banda at a cost of Ksh2.5 million.



A view of the Sindo Beach in Kaksingri West Ward, Suba North Sub-County. PHOTO | Raymond Omollo.

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The facility is expected to improve fish storage, handling and marketing while enhancing incomes for local fishermen and traders.

Mfangano Island has also witnessed major investments in fisheries and sanitation infrastructure. At Kiwari Beach, a modern fish banda has been constructed to support fish trading activities.

The county government has further improved sanitation by constructing a pit latrine at

Nyawalongo Beach at a cost of Ksh449,590.

Another pit latrine has been completed at Ringiti Beach at a cost of Ksh500,000, while solar lighting valued at Ksh250,000 has been installed to enhance security and facilitate business activities during the evening hours. Residents and traders at Tiko Beach in Mfangano Island have also benefited from the construction of a pit latrine costing Ksh348,324. The facility is expected to improve environmental cleanliness and provide convenient

Locals enjoy a scintillating wrestling match at the Achich Beach after Governor Gladys Wanga and Blue Economy CS Hassan Joho opened management offices on May 28, 2025. PHOTO | GPS.



Modern fish bandas at Achich Beach in this June 20, 2026 photo. The Homa Bay County has constructed modern bandas at Achich, Kaugege, Ragwe, Wayando, Alero, Ongoro in Kendu, and Kiwari beaches. PHOTO | Homa Bay County.

IMPROVING SANITATION, IMPROVING LIVES

Rusinga Island has also benefited from several sanitation projects aimed at improving hygiene and reducing open defecation at key public spaces.



1 CHIRO BEACH

At Chiro Beach, the county government has constructed a pit latrine to improve hygiene and reduce open defecation within the busy landing site.



COST
Ksh350,000

Improves hygiene and reduces open defecation at a busy landing site.

2 LITARE BEACH

At Litare Beach, another pit latrine has been completed at a similar cost, further expanding access to sanitation facilities for beach users.



COST
Ksh350,000

Expands access to sanitation facilities for beach users.

2
PIT LATRINES
CONSTRUCTED

KSh TOTAL INVESTMENT
Ksh700,000

**BETTER HYGIENE,
HEALTHIER
COMMUNITIES**

These projects demonstrate the county government's commitment to promoting hygiene, protecting public health and improving the dignity of all who visit and live on Rusinga Island.



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sanitation services to beach users.

In Gwasi South Ward, Suba South Sub-county, the county government has completed the construction of a fish banda at Rasira Beach at a cost of Ksh297,802.

The project has been complemented by the installation of solar lighting, enabling traders to operate for extended hours while improving safety around the beach.

Homa Bay Town has also received several development projects targeting sanitation, trade and public communication.

The county government has constructed a two-door pit latrine at a cost of Ksh1 million to serve residents and visitors within the busy urban centre. In addition, a modern television screen worth Ksh3 million has been erected at the Homa Bay bus stop. The screen is expected to serve as a platform for disseminating public information.

The town has also benefited from the construction of the Achich Fish Banda at a cost of Ksh2.9 million. The facility is expected to improve fish trading activities by providing traders with a clean and organized marketplace.

At Kananga Fish Banda, another

two-door pit latrine has been completed to improve sanitation and provide adequate facilities for traders and customers.

In Kochia Ward, Rangwe Sub-county, the county government has constructed a two-door pit latrine at Ngegu Beach at a cost of Ksh488,828. The sanitation facility is expected to enhance hygiene standards while supporting the growing number of people using the beach.

The county government has also completed the Ombogo Beach Fish Banda in the same ward at a cost of Ksh2.5 million, further strengthening fisheries infrastructure in the area.

West Karachuonyo Ward in Rachuonyo North Sub-county has equally benefited from county investments.

At Kogwang' Beach, a two-door pit latrine has been constructed at a cost of Ksh448,148, providing much-needed sanitation services for fishermen, traders and visitors.

The county government has also completed the Ongoro Beach Fish Banda at a cost of Ksh3 million, creating a modern trading facility that is expected to improve fish

handling and marketing.

In Kaksingri West Ward, Suba North Sub-county, the county government has completed the construction of the Sindo Beach Fish Banda at a cost of Ksh2.9 million. The project is expected to support fish traders by providing modern infrastructure that promotes hygiene and efficiency in fish marketing.

The county government has further strengthened sanitation infrastructure in Gembe through the construction of pit latrines at Gode Ariyo Beach and Ondago Beach. Each facility was completed at a cost of Ksh376,700 and is expected to improve environmental health while promoting proper waste management within the beach communities.

In Kaksingri West, Suba South Sub-county, another two-door pit latrine has been constructed at Kabwao Beach at a cost of Ksh500,000. A similar sanitation project has been completed at Ngeri Beach at a cost of Ksh348,953, further demonstrating the county government's commitment to improving hygiene at public beaches.

Across Gwasi North Ward and other parts of the county, similar investments continue to transform beach infrastructure by providing safer working environments, cleaner sanitation facilities and better trading spaces for fishing communities.

Collectively, the projects underscore the Homa Bay County Government's commitment to supporting the blue economy, improving public health and enhancing livelihoods.

By investing in modern fish bandas, sanitation facilities, solar lighting and public infrastructure, the county aims to increase the competitiveness of its fisheries sector while ensuring that beach communities have access to dignified and sustainable public services.

The continued rollout of these projects is expected to contribute significantly to economic growth, environmental conservation and improved living standards for residents across Homa Bay County, reinforcing the county's long-term vision of transforming its beaches into clean, secure and vibrant centres of commerce.



Modern fish bandas at Achich Beach in this June 20, 2026 photo. The Homa Bay County has constructed modern bandas at Achich, Kaugege, Ragwe, Wayando, Alero, Ongoro in Kendu, and Kiwari beaches. PHOTO | Homa Bay County.

Modern health facilities reshape healthcare delivery across Homa Bay County

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Homa Bay County has significantly expanded its healthcare infrastructure through the recent completion of several major projects aimed at strengthening healthcare delivery, improving access to specialized treatment, and bringing quality medical services closer to residents across the county.

Among the flagship developments are the newly completed Oncology Unit at Homa Bay County Teaching

and Referral Hospital and the ultra-modern Ksh100 million mortuary at Suba Sub-County Hospital.

To decongest the old morgue at the Homa Bay Teaching and Referral Hospital, the Governor Wanga administration has constructed a modern funeral parlour with a capacity of 112 bodies at a cost of Ksh48 million.

During the launch of the project on October 30, 2025 Governor Wanga said: “The facility ends a long-standing challenge for our people, finally providing a public, dignified space for families to honour their loved ones. This is a vital step in our commitment to compassionate, holistic care for our people.”

The Governor Wanga administration has constructed a modern funeral parlour with a capacity of

112
bodies at a cost of Ksh48 million.

In addition to these investments, the county government has established, upgraded, and renovated dozens of community, ward, and sub-county health facilities to ensure that residents in both urban and rural areas have easier access to quality healthcare

Governor Gladys Wanga (in orange top) tours the completed Oncology Unit at Homa Bay County Teaching and Referral Hospital on June 26, 2026. She revealed that equipping of the unit was in progress. PHOTO | HBC.

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services.

At Homa Bay County Teaching and Referral Hospital, the county government has completed the construction of a modern Oncology Unit, marking one of the most significant investments in specialized healthcare in the county’s history.

Cancer remains one of the leading causes of death in Kenya, and the burden of the disease continues to grow across the country, including within Homa Bay County.

In response to this challenge, the county government allocated Ksh50 million specifically for the procurement of specialised





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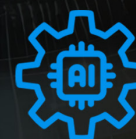
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Inside a section of the completed Oncology Unit at Homa Bay County Teaching and Referral Hospital on June 26, 2026. PHOTO | HBC.

diagnostic equipment and the establishment of comprehensive cancer screening and diagnostic services.

This investment was intended to strengthen the county's capacity to detect cancer at an early stage and provide timely interventions for patients.

Given the high prevalence of cancer cases in the region, the oncology unit is expected to transform cancer care by providing specialized diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up services locally.

Before the establishment of the facility, many patients were forced to travel hundreds of kilometres to access treatment at Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi or Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret.

These referrals often involved high transport costs, long waiting periods, and emotional strain on

patients and their families. The completion of the oncology unit therefore represents a major step toward reducing these burdens by ensuring that residents can receive specialized cancer care within their own county.

The county government has also completed a modern Accident, Emergency, and Outpatient Block at Homa Bay County Teaching and Referral Hospital at a cost of Ksh200 million.

The five-storey facility houses outpatient clinics, a High Dependency Unit (HDU), and specialized clinics to elevate the hospital's capacity. The building has been designed to modernize emergency response services, improve casualty management, and increase the hospital's capacity to handle the growing number of

patients seeking treatment.

The new facility is expected to improve patient flow, reduce congestion in existing departments, and create a more efficient healthcare environment for both patients and healthcare workers.

The county government spearheaded the elevation of the Homa Bay Teaching and Referral Hospital to a Level 5 status.

This allows the facility to handle more complicated ailments and enables the facility to receive an extra Ksh300 million annually from the exchequer.

During the launch of the projects, Governor Wanga said: "The public health facilities will be competitive to ensure Homa Bay residents enjoy Universal Health care Coverage under her leadership.

To strengthen the sustainability

Nyahera Health Centre in South Kasipul was built at a cost of Ksh4.6 million, while Nyandiwa Health Centre in West Kamagak Ward was constructed at a cost of

Ksh3.5m

of cancer services and support long-term expansion, the county government entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Aga Khan Hospital under the East Africa Comprehensive Cancer Project.

The partnership represents a strategic public-private collaboration aimed at co-developing the oncology centre into a regional centre of excellence. Through this arrangement, both pediatric and adult oncology clinics are expected to be established, allowing patients of all age groups to receive specialised treatment closer to home while also enhancing training opportunities and improving the quality of cancer care available within the county.

The oncology unit forms part of Homa Bay County's broader health infrastructure investment programme, which is financed through the county's annual health development budget.

The health sector consistently receives the largest allocation within the county budget, with annual funding ranging between Ksh2.5 billion and Ksh3 billion. Of this amount, approximately Ksh400 million to Ksh500 million is reserved specifically for capital development projects, including the construction of new health facilities, expansion of existing hospitals, procurement of modern medical equipment, and upgrading of healthcare infrastructure throughout the county.

Beyond the county referral hospital, the Homa Bay County Government has continued to improve healthcare infrastructure at sub-county, ward, and community levels with the objective of bringing quality healthcare services closer to residents.

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These investments are intended to reduce travel distances for patients, improve healthcare accessibility, strengthen maternal and child health services, and ensure that communities have access to modern healthcare facilities regardless of their location.

In Suba Sub-County, the county government completed the construction of a modern 35-capacity mortuary facility in Sindo at a cost of Ksh100 million. The facility is among the most modern public mortuary facilities in the region and was constructed to improve local health and funeral services.

It features state-of-the-art cold storage rooms and provides a dignified environment for preserving the remains of loved ones before burial. Prior to the completion of the project, many families were compelled to transport bodies over long distances to neighbouring counties or rely on expensive private mortuary services, increasing both emotional distress and financial hardship.

The Governor Gladys Wanga administration established the mortuary to reduce these challenges while raising standards of end-of-life care for residents of Suba and neighbouring island communities.

In Ndhiwa Sub-County, the county government constructed a maternity block at Ratang'a Health Centre at a cost of Ksh4.33 million.

The investment forms part of broader efforts to strengthen maternal and reproductive healthcare across the county. According to Governor Gladys Wanga, the maternity block is intended to improve maternal healthcare infrastructure while complementing other multi-million-shilling maternal and newborn care units previously established at Ndhiwa Sub-County Hospital.

The additional maternity capacity is expected to improve access to skilled birth attendance, enhance maternal and neonatal care, and reduce risks associated

with childbirth for mothers within the surrounding communities.

In Suba North Sub-County, the county government completed the rehabilitation and upgrading of Waware Health Centre, a Level 2 health facility, together with Litare Community Health Centre, a Level 3 facility located on Rusinga Island.

These projects were undertaken to improve healthcare services for residents living within the island communities, many of whom rely on nearby public health facilities for essential medical services.

Located at Litare Beach, Litare Community Health Centre serves the area's fishing and market communities by providing essential healthcare services around the clock.

The Level 3 facility operates on a 24-hour basis and delivers outpatient services, maternal healthcare, preventive healthcare, and treatment for common illnesses.

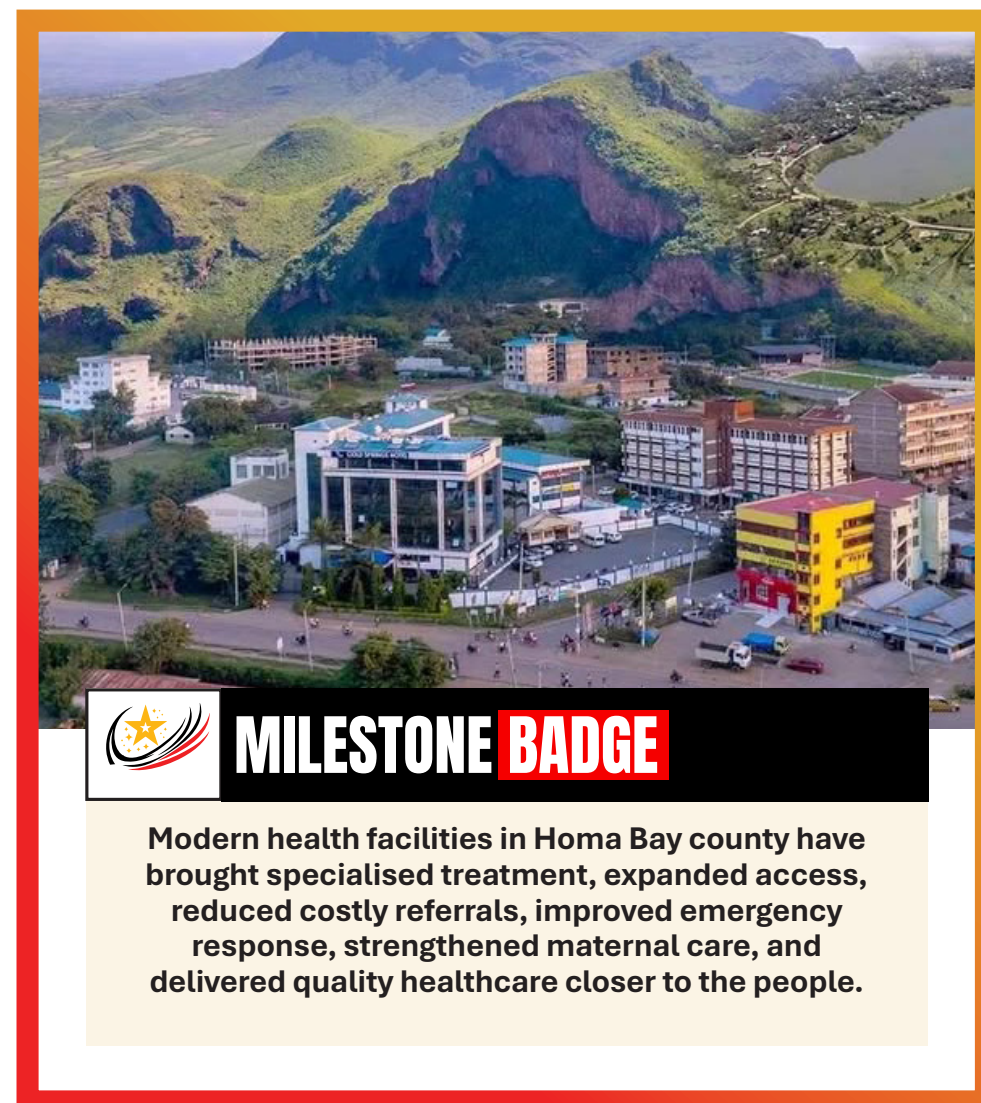
The county government invested Ksh307,573 towards the renovation of the facility, including improvements to its Outpatient Department wing, with the aim of enhancing service delivery and creating a more conducive environment for both patients and healthcare workers.

Similarly, Waware Health Centre, a Level 2 dispensary serving residents of Rusinga Island, underwent rehabilitation and upgrading as part of the county government's continued investment in primary healthcare infrastructure.

The facility operates as an important Ministry of Health clinical outpost that provides essential outpatient treatment, preventive healthcare services, maternal health support, immunisation, and community health programmes.

The renovations were undertaken to improve the quality of healthcare services available to residents while strengthening the facility's ability to meet increasing healthcare demands.

In Rachuonyo South Sub-County, the county government invested Ksh3.5 million in the construction



of Ongamo Maternity Health Centre in West Kasipul.

The Level 3 Basic Health Centre serves as an important community healthcare facility providing maternal and obstetric services to families within the surrounding area. The construction of the maternity centre is expected to improve access to safe delivery services, antenatal and postnatal care, and emergency maternal healthcare, thereby contributing to improved maternal and child health outcomes within the sub-county.

The county government has also undertaken several renovation and upgrading projects in other health facilities across Rachuonyo South.

At Siany Health Centre in Kabondo East Ward, renovations costing Ksh3 million were completed to improve infrastructure and enhance service delivery.

Additional improvements were carried out at Nguku Health Centre as part of the county's ongoing programme of strengthening healthcare infrastructure at the grassroots level.

At Omiro Health Centre, which is currently classified as a Level 2 health facility, the county

government invested KSh957,250 in renovation works. The facility primarily provides basic outpatient services, family planning, maternal healthcare, immunization, and preventive healthcare services for surrounding communities.

The renovations were undertaken to improve the facility's physical infrastructure, enhance patient comfort, and support the continued delivery of essential primary healthcare services.

Collectively, these investments demonstrate Homa Bay County's sustained commitment to expanding healthcare infrastructure across all levels of the health system.

Through the construction of specialized referral facilities, modernization of emergency and outpatient services, expansion of maternal healthcare infrastructure, upgrading of community health centres, and establishment of modern support facilities such as the Suba mortuary, the county government aims to improve healthcare accessibility, strengthen service delivery, and ensure that residents receive quality healthcare services closer to their homes.

Ultra-modern Homa Bay County headquarters transforms public service delivery



The new Homa Bay County headquarters. PHOTO | HBC.

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Governance reforms through the construction of an ultra-modern Homa Bay County headquarters has revolutionised access to services, improved service delivery, strengthened departmental coordination, modernised food systems and enhanced sustainability of the livelihoods of locals.

By consolidating previously scattered administrative offices into a single strategic hub, the headquarters has so far lived to

its hype of transforming public service delivery by, among others, strengthening revenue administration, enabling digital transformation and promoting civic engagement.

Through the one-stop-shop model, the administrative complex hosts key socioeconomic amenities including an amphitheatre, lactating room

“The conference is good because it has opened a lot of business opportunities. We have high hopes in the sale of goods and services during the conference.”

for working mothers, county service centre, executive and departmental offices and a Huduma Centre, thereby enabling residents to enjoy convenience, efficiency and timely service delivery.

Governor Gladys Wanga commissioned the project in May 2024 at Arujo, Homa Bay Town Constituency, at a cost of Ksh800 million. It became operational in August 2025 after President William Ruto opened it ahead of the ninth devolution conference in the county from August 12 to 15, 2025. The conference attracted more than 11,000 delegates.

The conference attracted

economic boom to the region, with hotels fully-booked; dignitaries who did not find accommodation in the town found comfort in the neighbouring areas of Kendu Bay, Mbita, Rongo and Kisii.

According to the County's media agency, Governor Wanga orchestrated the relocation of the administrative unit to the outskirts of the region to increase service delivery turnaround time, bolster coordination and monitoring of services and create a well-planned, thriving economic hub. The prime land was left open for industrialisation and hospitality investment.

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The media team described the complex as progressive and Kenya's most creative infrastructure funding model and the roadmap to city status in a decade.

"It has been a long journey. Many doubted our commitment to this project, labelling it a 'White Elephant' and attempting to dissuade us. Yet, through unwavering determination and faith, we have reached this remarkable moment. Today is indeed a day the Lord has made!" Governor Wanga said during the opening of the complex.

As per further reports, Governor Wanga touted the state-of-the-art facility as a symbol of identity, authority and pride.

She also described the new headquarters as part of a deliberate plan to clear the county's lakeside front for investment.

"One of the things we have done to clear out the lakefront for hospitality is to build a new County Government Headquarters," she said.

She added that the county is preparing to lease freed-up



lakefront land to investors who can develop a quality hospitality industry.

Other regional and local leaders who championed for the project and hailed the impact of the governance forum included Interior Principal Secretary Raymond Omollo, who said the complex is part of a robust intervention to unlock the region's economic potential: "For years, this town has had immense opportunities but lacked proper infrastructure to make the most of them. The combined effects of these projects are already visible."

Homa Bay Town MP Peter Kaluma said the administrative complex will expand Homa Bay Town outward into rural areas, consequently improving real estate market, promoting domestic tourism and urbanising the area.

On his part, Homa Bay Business Community Chairman Geoffrey Okoth said: "The conference is good because it has opened a lot of business opportunities. We have high hopes in the sale of goods and services during the conference."



An aerial view of the new Homa Bay County headquarters featuring offices of various departments including the Governor's office. PHOTO | HBC.

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Modernised fish markets bring joy, dignity to traders

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Koginga Modern Fish Market in Homa Bay County has been a game changer for fishmongers who had to deal with decades of eking out a living in makeshift structures, muddy paths, dust and dealing with huge losses after perishing of their fish due to lack of adequate storage facilities.

For decades, traders battled the lack of a modern fish processing

equipment, having to rely on a small cold storage facility built by then-Woman Representative Gladys Wanga, now Governor, for Ksh8 million.

The traders paid Ksh10 per fish for storage plus Ksh50 for ice; these costs ate through their profit margins, sending them into abject poverty.

After the market, which is located at Koginga Pier at Lake Victoria, became operational in May 2025, fishmongers and other traders now enjoy better hygiene and sanitation as well as modern

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During the construction phase, the project created direct employment for local skilled and unskilled workers. Bringing capital to the county

workspaces. While commissioning the project for operation in May 2025, President William Ruto hailed it as a new start for the residents relying on Lake Victoria

President William Ruto and former Prime Minister, the late Raila Odinga interact with traders during the official opening of the modern fish market at the Koginga Pier in Homa Bay County on May 30, 2025. PHOTO | PCS.

for sustenance.

More importantly, Governor Wanga is optimistic that the market will transform the livelihoods of the residents by creating more jobs, increasing socioeconomic opportunities and leveraging the blue economy.

So far, a status report on the county's revenue performance published on April 30, 2026, the market is one of the interventions that contributed to the county achieving 62 per cent of its 2025/2026 fiscal year target.

The report indicated that improved own-source revenue through projects like modernisation of economic spaces will spur the region's development agenda.

In addition, Pius Oketch, a revenue officer, said collection rose by 50 per cent owing to the

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market. “During the construction phase, the project created direct employment for local skilled and unskilled workers. Bringing capital to the county. The market aims to reduce post-harvest losses and improve hygiene standards in fish,” he said.

Locals, led by Koginga Market Secretary Mr Charles Amolo, note that the novel facility is already attracting more visitors, which has increased business. “Traders used to operate in very poor conditions. The change is immense,” he said.

Jamilla Akinyi, a fish trader, added: “Before, we used to be rained on, and the market would

get muddy and soggy. This is no longer the case. As you can see, it is raining now, and we are in business in this modern market.”

Jyan Construction Services started to construct the market in December 2023 and completed the works in May 2025. The market includes hygienic trading spaces, retail stalls, a food court, dedicated fish processing and storage facilities (both cold and dry rooms), gutting and scaling areas, a mooring deck, a fish landing shed, stores for processed fish, washrooms, kitchens, and comprehensive sanitation systems.

The market is designed to benefit more than 2,000 fish traders in the county and its environs daily.

In August 2023, the State Department for Housing and Urban Development set aside Ksh346 million to overhaul the market as one of the projects under the Bottom Up economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), with the devolved unit providing land and post-completion management.

Other notable features include water tower and underground water tank for reliable water supply, round-the-clock lighting to enhance business and improve security

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and ICT hub to support digital operations and recordkeeping. It equally features mother and child facilities and access ramps for persons with disabilities.



President William Ruto and former Prime Minister, the late Raila Odinga enjoying a meal together at the Koginga fish market on May 30, 2025. PHOTO | PCS.



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