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Irungu Kang'ata's first-term development record as Governor of Murang'a



DR. IRUNGU KANG'ATA PROFILE

Hon. Dr. Irungu Kang'ata
Governor, Murang'a County

Date of Birth: February 20, 1980
Nationality: Kenyan

Hon. Dr. Francis Irungu Kang'ata has served as the Governor of Murang'a County since August 2022.

Prior to assuming the county's highest executive office, he served in several elected leadership positions, including Senator for Murang'a County, Member of Parliament for Kiharu Constituency, and Councillor for Central Ward in Murang'a Town.

A lawyer by profession, Dr. Kang'ata is the founder of Irungu Kang'ata & Company Advocates and has also lectured in law. His career combines legal practice, public administration, legislation, and county governance.

Education

Dr. Kang'ata attended Murang'a Township Primary School (now Vidhu Ramji Primary School) before joining Thika High School for his secondary education. He subsequently enrolled at the University of Nairobi, where he earned a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree.

He later obtained a Master of Laws (LL.M) and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Law from the same university. After completing his undergraduate studies, he attended the Kenya School of Law and was admitted to the Roll of Advocates.

Professional career

Before joining elective politics, Dr. Kang'ata established a legal practice specialising in corporate and commercial law. Alongside legal practice, he has taught law at the university level and

participated in legal scholarship and public policy discussions.

Political leadership

Dr. Kang'ata's political leadership began at the University of Nairobi, where he served in student leadership positions. In 2002, he was elected Councillor for Central Ward in Murang'a Town.

In 2013, he was elected Member of Parliament for Kiharu

Constituency. During his tenure in the National Assembly, he participated in legislative and oversight functions and represented the constituency in Parliament.

He was elected Senator for Murang'a County in 2017, representing the county in the Senate. During his term, he also served as the Senate Majority Chief Whip, where he was involved in coordinating legislative business within the Majority Party.

In the 2022 General Election, he was elected the second Governor of Murang'a County.

Areas of governance

As Governor, Dr. Kang'ata's administration has implemented programmes across several devolved sectors, including agriculture, healthcare, education, road infrastructure, water services, youth empowerment, trade development, and social protection. The county government has also undertaken initiatives relating to support for farmers, expansion of health services, early childhood education, and local economic development, alongside other county programmes implemented during his tenure.



Kang'ata's development drive reshapes education, water, roads and trade in Kigumo



Under Community Projects, the Murang'a County government has constructed 500 ECDEs. PHOTO | Stephen Munania.

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Since taking office in 2022, Murang'a Governor Irungu Kang'ata has rolled out an ambitious development agenda that is steadily transforming Kigumo Sub-County through strategic investments in water, education, healthcare, agriculture,

roads and trade. Across his administration, dozens of projects have been implemented to improve livelihoods, expand access to essential services and stimulate economic growth.

From drilling boreholes and constructing Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) classrooms to rehabilitating roads, modernising markets and

supporting farmers, the county government says the investments are laying the foundation for sustainable development.

Investing in education

Education has emerged as another major pillar of the county's development agenda, with significant investments in ECDE centres, primary schools and vocational institutions.

In Kahumbu Ward, classrooms were constructed at Kahumbu Polytechnic at a cost of Ksh5,448,175, increasing learning space for technical and vocational education.

At Gakare ECDE Centre in Kigumo Ward, renovation works, fencing and the installation of a gate were completed at a cost of Ksh1,328,700, improving security and the learning environment.

The county also spent Ksh2,808,185 on renovating classrooms and constructing ablution blocks at Kigumo and

Kirere ECDE centres, while Githima Comprehensive School and Turuturu ECDE Centre benefited from classroom construction and renovation works costing Ksh1,328,700.

In Kinyona Ward, classrooms were constructed at Ndugamano ECDE Centre for Ksh2,295,730, while similar works at Muiria ECDE Centre cost Ksh1,443,285.

Construction of classrooms at Gakeu and Kagurumo ECDE centres in Muthithi Ward cost Ksh3,982,835, while Ngombe ECDE Centre benefited from renovation works, fencing and the construction of a toilet block at Ksh2,704,115.

Additional investments included the renovation of Gathimaini and Mbogoini ECDE centres (Ksh3,774,160); the renovation of Gakoe-ini, Mutunguru and Nguku Primary Schools (Ksh5,917,095); construction of Gichuka ECDE Centre and renovation of Boro ECDE Centre (Ksh2,303,824); construction of Ngecha and Hingu ECDE classrooms (Ksh2,929,970); and renovation of Mwema and Ndonga Primary School ECDE classrooms (Ksh3,718,346).

Other completed projects include classrooms at Kiugu ECDE Centre (Ksh1,568,990); construction of a classroom, ablution block and fencing at Njora-Kiariki ECDE Centre (Ksh2,822,355); construction of classrooms at Gaichanjiru, Mbogo and Rurali ECDE centres (Ksh3,002,700); similar works at John the Baptist (Kairi) and Riakindu ECDE centres (Ksh3,002,700); as well as Matandara and Kamukabi ECDE centres (Ksh3,545,285).

Further projects included an ECDE classroom at Njoguini Primary School (Ksh1,459,755); construction and renovation works at Iruini Primary School (Ksh2,362,790) and Kahuti Primary School (Ksh1,464,985); construction of Dr Irungu Kang'ata ECDE Centre and a toilet block in Kahumbu Ward (Ksh2,774,450); and similar ECDE classrooms and sanitation facilities at Mumbu



A view of Boro dispensary in Kigumo, Kinyona Ward during its official commissioning on August 25, 2024. PHOTO | Irungu Kang'ata.

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Primary School, Kangari Town ECDE Centre, Kimotho Primary School, Mariira Farm ECDE Centre and Kinyona Primary School, each costing Ksh2,774,450.

The county also renovated ECDE classrooms at Karega Marumi, Kaimiri, Rarakwa, Gachocho and Irigiro Primary Schools, while constructing classrooms and sanitation facilities at Gachathaini and Ngaburi ECDE centres, with each project costing Ksh2,774,450.

The investments underscore the county government's commitment to strengthening foundational education through improved infrastructure and learning environments.

Water and sanitation

Expanding access to clean and safe water has remained one of the administration's top priorities.

In Muthithi Ward, the county government drilled and equipped the Muthithi Borehole at a cost of



Muiria ECDE classroom in Kinyona Ward, Kigumo Constituency. PHOTO | Stephen Munania.

Ksh5 million. The project included a solar-powered water pump and a modern water kiosk, providing residents with reliable and affordable water while reducing

reliance on fuel-powered pumping systems.

A similar Ksh5 million investment was made in Kahumbu Ward, where another borehole was drilled, fitted with a solar pumping system and connected to a water kiosk, easing chronic water shortages, particularly during the dry season.

The Mbogoini Borehole was also upgraded with a solar-powered pump and water kiosk, increasing production while lowering operational costs.

To improve distribution, the county government invested Ksh70 million in laying water pipelines across the sub-county, expanding household connections and reducing the distance residents travel to access clean water.

The administration also allocated Ksh8.4 million for water tanks and rainwater harvesting systems in ECDE centres across Kigumo, improving sanitation and ensuring learners have adequate water for drinking and hygiene.

Better roads opening up the economy

Road infrastructure has also received substantial investment to improve connectivity and facilitate the movement of people and goods.

In Kinyona Ward, maintenance of the Gatumbi-Githima access

In Kinyona Ward, maintenance of the Gatumbi-Githima access road cost

Ksh 2,927,553,

road cost Ksh2,927,553, while rehabilitation of the Kiario-Ndiriini-Mukoe access road cost Ksh4,449,983.

In Kigumo Ward, the Mathare-ini-Ithanji and Kirere-Kindiri access roads were rehabilitated at a combined cost of Ksh3,623,617, while additional maintenance works in Kinyona Ward cost Ksh1,546,280.

The Kigumo-Kangari access road was rehabilitated for Ksh1,659,809, while maintenance of the Kanyore access road cost Ksh2,904,115. In Kahumbu Ward, rehabilitation of the River Nyumbo-Ndonga Junction access road cost Ksh2,951,107.

Other completed projects include the opening of the Kinyona-Kigumo access road; grading and gravelling of the Githembe Administration Police Post Junction-Njora Bridge Junction road; Pastor Pius Muiru Road; Kigumo-Iriguini Road; Ndugamano-Karaba Road; and several roads in Muthithi Ward, including Njora, Gathanji, Ka-Mukuru, Kagurumo-Gichichi-



Warimwe bridge connecting Gikoe and Karinga in this July 1, 2024 photo. PHOTO | Liz Mbugua.

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Kiangari-ini and Irigiro-Machengo, each implemented at Ksh2,774,450.

The county also constructed Warimwe Footbridge (Ksh1,617,352); improved the Kangari-Umoja-Ngurwe-ini Catholic Church-Kirichiungu access road (Ksh6,605,040); upgraded the Kahumbu Polytechnic-Muthithi road (Ksh3,123,401); gravelled the Gatumbi-Githima (Ksh3,045,000) and Kandundu-Giathuku (Ksh1,881,520) roads; improved the Wamahiga-Kiawairimu-Kwa Miano-Miboco-ini-Njora-Kiara roads (Ksh4,737,440) and the Wanyoro-Marumi-Mathingira-Karia-ini road (Ksh4,750,780); and upgraded Mukuyu Access Road and Muthithi Shopping Centre Access Road to bitumen standard at a cost of Ksh62,527,700.

The improved road network is expected to reduce transport costs, improve access to markets and public services, and support agricultural productivity.

Modern markets boosting local trade

The county government has also invested in market infrastructure to create a better trading environment.

At Kirere Shopping Centre, cabro paving blocks were installed at a cost of Ksh16,434,779, improving accessibility and creating a cleaner business environment.

The upgrading and renovation of

Karuri, Mununga and Muthithi open markets each cost Ksh3,125,000.

In Kahumbu Ward, Kahumbu Market was renovated and a new market shed constructed at a cost of Ksh4,999,860, providing traders with improved working conditions and protection from adverse weather.

Improving healthcare

The county government has also invested in healthcare infrastructure to improve access to medical services.

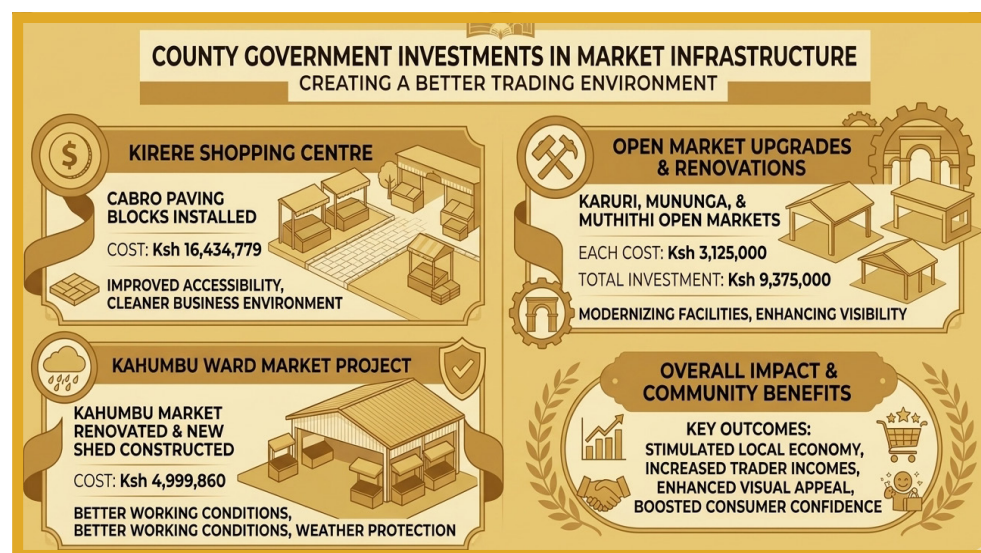
Boro Dispensary in Kinyona Ward was constructed at a cost of Ksh1,170,718, while Gathimaini Dispensary in Kahumbu Ward was renovated at a cost of Ksh3,774,160.

Strengthening agriculture

Agriculture remains central to Kigumo's economy, with the county implementing programmes aimed at increasing productivity and commercialising farming.

The Agriculture Sector Development Support Programme Phase Two (ASDSP II) has transformed the dairy, French beans and banana value chains into commercially oriented enterprises.

Under the programme, which has cost the county Ksh1.7 million, the Kangari United Dairy Cooperative Union Fodder Chopper and Silage Baler Project was implemented alongside the procurement of milk



coolers, egg hatcheries and the Dairy Cow Ownership Programme.

Farmers have also benefited from the Tree Seeds and Seedlings Project, which supplies avocado, mango, banana and coffee seedlings, as well as tree tomato, sweet potato plantlets, sorghum, French beans and other high-value crops.

Semi-permanent French beans collection centres have been constructed in Kigumo to improve produce aggregation and marketing.

In addition, the National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP) linked smallholder farmers' groups to markets through priority value chains at a cost of Ksh639,865,699.

Transforming livelihoods

The projects implemented across Kigumo Sub-County reflect a development strategy focused on

improving residents' quality of life through investments in essential infrastructure.

Reliable water supplies are expected to improve public health and agricultural production, while modern classrooms and sanitation facilities provide better learning environments for children. Improved roads have enhanced connectivity and market access; upgraded markets are supporting local commerce; expanded healthcare infrastructure is improving access to medical services; and agricultural investments are helping farmers increase productivity and incomes.

Governor Kang'ata's administration says the ongoing investments form part of a broader vision to accelerate socio-economic development across Murang'a County through the equitable distribution of development resources.



Ndugamano ECDE classroom. PHOTO | Stephen Munania.



A Section of the Gatumbi-Githima road in Gachochi location, Kinyona ward in Kigumo on January 7, 2025. PHOTO | Irungu Kang'ata.

Education tops Kang’ata’s Kiharu transformation as County rolls out multi-million projects



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Under Community Projects, the Murang’a County government has constructed 500 ECDEs.
PHOTO | Stephen Munania.

Murang’a County Government, under the leadership of Governor Irungu Kang’ata, has implemented numerous development projects across Kiharu Sub-County, with significant investments in education, healthcare, roads, agriculture, irrigation and environmental conservation aimed at improving

service delivery and residents’ livelihoods.

Education

The education sector has witnessed substantial investment through the construction, renovation and upgrading of Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) facilities across all wards.

Governor Kang’ata’s

administration has spent Ksh111.4 million on ECDE infrastructure, making education the largest-funded sector among the projects in Kiharu Sub-County.

In Mugoiri Ward, the county government constructed and renovated ECDE classrooms at Muthiria and Kagumo ECDE centres at a cost of Ksh2,946,230, renovated Ndutumi and Gitaro ECDE centres

at Ksh2,066,790, and constructed Githagara Primary ECDE Centre at Ksh1,565,090.

Other completed projects include the renovation of St Charles Lwanga and Yamugwe Primary School ECDE classrooms, the renovation of Kiyu, Gitiri and Gatudu Primary School ECDE classrooms, and the construction of the Irewa ECDE classroom, each undertaken at a cost of Ksh2,774,450.

In Murarandia Ward, classrooms and toilet blocks were constructed at Mukumu and Kionjo-ini ECDE centres at Ksh3,469,985, while Gatuya ECDE classrooms were renovated and toilet blocks built at Thengeini and Kahatia ECDE centres at Ksh2,138,070.

Additional projects include the construction of Matharite Primary ECDE classroom (Ksh1,708,370), Karuri ECDE classroom (Ksh1,448,050), and Theiri and Maria-ini ECDE classrooms (Ksh2,569,785). Renovation of Kahatia Primary School ECDE classrooms and construction of a toilet block at Karuri-ini Primary ECDE were completed at Ksh2,774,450.

In Mbiri Ward, the county government constructed classrooms at Gaitega ECDE Centre (Ksh2,967,044), converted a hall into classrooms at Gikandu Primary ECDE Centre (Ksh2,548,270), renovated Mirira Primary School ECDE classrooms (Ksh1,149,420), renovated classrooms and offices at Ndikwe Primary School



A Section of the Gatumbi-Githima road in Gachocho location, Kinyona ward in Kigumo on January 7, 2025. PHOTO | Irungu Kang’ata.

INVESTING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

	The county also renovated classrooms and built toilet blocks at Thangathi and Gikuu ECDE centres	 Ksh 4,787,575
	renovated Namumbu ECDE Centre	 Ksh 1,971,105
	constructed the Gitungano ECDE classroom	 Ksh 1,354,220
	built classrooms and fencing at Upendo ECDE Centre	 Ksh 2,999,580
	renovated Muchungucha and Kiangochi Primary School ECDE classrooms	 Ksh 2,774,450

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(Ksh945,800), renovated Kayuyu Primary School ECDE Centre (Ksh2,977,016), and constructed and renovated classrooms at Kambirwa Primary School (Ksh3,139,400).

The county also renovated classrooms and built toilet blocks at Thangathi and Gikuu ECDE centres (Ksh4,787,575), renovated Namumbu ECDE Centre (Ksh1,971,105), constructed the Gitungano ECDE classroom (Ksh1,354,220), built classrooms and fencing at Upendo ECDE Centre (Ksh2,999,580), and renovated Muchungucha and Kiangochi Primary School ECDE classrooms (Ksh2,774,450).

In Gaturi Ward, completed projects include the construction of Matongu ECDE Centre (Ksh1,790,665), Upper Nyakihai ECDE Centre (Ksh2,902,708), and Kabwe ECDE Centre (Ksh5,088,680).

The county also renovated Kiamuri ECDE Centre (Ksh2,187,515), constructed Gaturi (Mugeka) ECDE Centre (Ksh1,480,660), built a classroom and toilet block at Githuri ECDE Centre (Ksh1,655,275), constructed a classroom and ablution block at Maragi ECDE Centre (Ksh4,845,015), renovated Kibuu and Gaitheri Primary School ECDE classrooms (Ksh2,774,450), and renovated Kahero and Soronge ECDE centres (Ksh2,445,295).

In Wangu Ward, the county constructed and renovated Wanjengi and Kahuhia ECDE centres at Ksh3,410,700, completed similar works at Kamui-ru Primary ECDE Centre at Ksh3,281,585, constructed Wanjengi Primary ECDE classroom and renovated Gitweku Primary ECDE classrooms at Ksh2,774,450, and renovated Gathinja, Gitui and Gitige Primary School ECDE classrooms at the same cost.

In Township Ward, renovation and cabro works at Mukuyu ECDE Centre cost Ksh2,661,960, while construction and renovation of classrooms, cabro paving and gate installation at Vidhu Ramji ECDE cost Ksh4,992,820.

The county also constructed Karindundu and Mjini ECDE centres (Ksh3,799,030), renovated



Warimwe bridge connecting Gikoe and Karinga in this July 1, 2024 photo. PHOTO | Liz Mbugua.

the ablution block, constructed a shed and laid cabro at Mukuyu ECDE Centre (Ksh1,617,290), and constructed the Vidhu Ramji Primary ECDE classroom while renovating the Mbiri Primary ECDE classroom at Ksh2,774,450.

Other ECDE projects completed across Kiharu include the renovation of Murai Primary and Gathiru ECDE centres (Ksh1,849,660), Mbari ya Hiti and Kamaguta Primary ECDE centres (Ksh2,615,280), Munyatha and Kiayatta Primary School ECDE centres (Ksh1,124,440), and Ithiringa and Gatheru ECDE centres (Ksh1,671,580).

The county also constructed

Gituto Mumbi and Kirogo ECDE centres (Ksh4,064,765), a Kinyongi ECDE classroom while renovating the Gituri Primary ECDE classroom, renovated Rutune and Kimathi Primary School ECDE classrooms, Kahithe and Gatara Primary School ECDE classrooms, and Kandundu and Kiangage ECDE classrooms, with each of these projects costing Ksh2,774,450.

A footpath serving Wanjengi Coffee Factory at Mukangu and Gitie was also constructed at Ksh2,837,980.

Health

The county government has expanded healthcare infrastructure through the construction, renovation and upgrading of health facilities.

Tiling and renovation works at Githagara Health Centre in Mugoiri Ward cost Ksh2,774,450.

The completion of Gathaithi Social Hall, construction of a Matharite weighing shed, and construction of a toilet block at Murarandia Health Centre also cost Ksh2,774,450, while Kiangage Dispensary in Township Ward was constructed at the same cost.

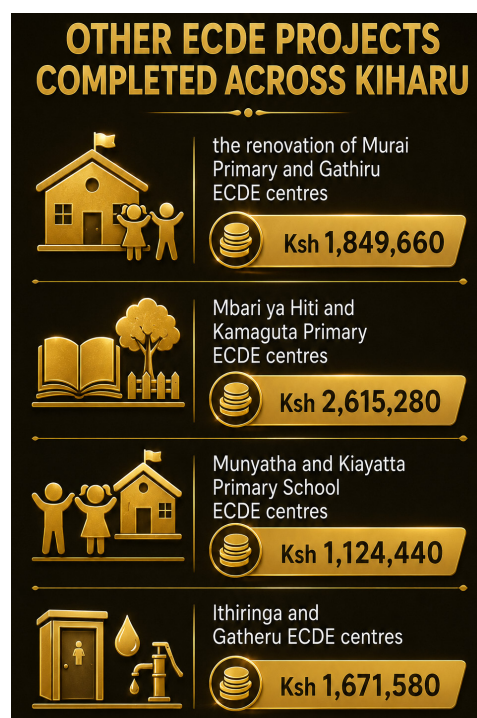
Other completed health projects include the conversion of Mukuyu Social Hall into a dispensary (Ksh2,585,344),

renovation of Murarandia Health Centre (Ksh3,437,445), renovation of Kiangage Dispensary (Ksh1,244,590), renovation of Kambirwa Health Centre (Ksh2,075,049), construction of a laboratory at Mukumu Dispensary (Ksh543,230), and establishment of a Blood Satellite Centre in Kiharu at Ksh4.9 million.

Roads

Road infrastructure has also received significant investment. The county graded and gravelled the Gachuhi-Bohano-Gikandu-Gaitega Primary Schools access roads in Mbiri Ward at Ksh2,774,450, and graded the Kairichi-Gichu-Githambo Tea Factory roads in Murarandia Ward and the St Mary-Firoze-Kamunandaini-Karichiungu access road in Township Ward at Ksh2,774,450 each.

Other completed projects include the construction of the Ha-Gitika-Gichia Access Road (Ksh2,832,988), Gitindima Access Road (Ksh3,578,600), grading of access roads in Wangu Ward (Ksh2,397,850), improvement of Mbari ya Kiiru-Mirichu and Mwea-Ndutumi access roads (Ksh2,862,753), improvement of Sand Harvesting Access Roads in Gaturi (Ksh3,447,251), road works



at ACK Kandundu Church and Turbo Hill Access Road (Ksh5,508,176), and road works along the Karii-Kayahwe and Inoi-Ihigaini access roads in Murarandia (Ksh3,092,258).

The county also installed cabro paving slabs at Kirogo and Wanjengi shopping centres at a cost of Ksh14,064,344, constructed the Geitwa-Kiambu and Kibuu-Mukurweini footbridges (Ksh1,178,068), graded the Kabwe-CFF Church access road (Ksh1,839,760), upgraded several roads, including JJ Road-Gatundu Primary-Githima, Mugoiri Kadegenye-Kwa Paul Shopping Centre, Yamugwezi Junction-Shopping Centre-Kabius Junction-Yamugwe Secondary-Catholic Church, Ngaru Borehole Junction-Village Tank, and Mutungano Access Road, and gravelled the St Joseph Kiangage-Murari and Bishop Residence-Sports Club-Kambi access roads.

Emergency works to clear debris following landslides in Gathinja cost Ksh561,440, while renovation and cabro installation at the Murang'a County Headquarters cost Ksh14,419,960. The Shell Petrol Station-Mjini Mosque Junction was also upgraded to concrete standards.

Agriculture

The county government has strengthened agricultural production through irrigation, value addition and farmer support programmes.

The Agriculture Sector



Ndugamano ECDE classroom. PHOTO | Stephen Munania.

Development Support Programme Phase II (ASDSP II) has transformed the dairy, French beans and banana value chains into commercially oriented enterprises.

Solar-powered and low-pressure water pumps, together with storage tanks, have been installed across Kiharu.

The Gikindu Irrigation Scheme in Mbiri Ward has been completed and is boosting food and nutrition security for smallholder farmers.

The Kimathi Githuri Irrigation Project is operational, while the Gikindu Honey Refinery and banana

micro-propagation chambers have also been completed.

Farmers have benefited from the distribution of avocado, mango, banana, coffee, tree tomato, sweet potato, sorghum and French bean seedlings under the county's Tree Seeds and Seedlings Programme.

The county has also installed milk coolers, implemented the Dairy Cow Ownership Programme, supported fodder development, and procured dairy coolers under the Murang'a Cooperative Creameries Union.

Additionally, the county invested Ksh625,397,213 under the National

Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP) to improve productivity among smallholder farmers and continues to implement the Upper Tana Natural Resource Management Programme.

Environment

To improve solid waste management, the county government procured two skip loaders at a cost of Ksh24 million and installed 34 skip bins in Kiharu Township at a cost of Ksh36 million.

Irrigation and Water

The county has improved access to water through the drilling and equipping of Thanju Borehole in Gatari, complete with a solar-powered pump and water kiosk, at a cost of Ksh5 million.

Kangui Borehole was also drilled and equipped at Ksh5 million, while domestic water pipelines were extended for irrigation at a cost of Ksh7 million.

In addition, the county installed more than 40 water storage tanks and rainwater harvesting facilities in ECDE centres across Kiharu at a cost of Ksh8.4 million, improving access to clean water in learning institutions.



A view of Boro dispensary in Kigumo, Kinyona Ward during its official commissioning on August 25, 2024. PHOTO | Irungu Kang'ata.



Karugu ECDE Centre in Kimorori-Wempa Ward, Maragua Sub-County officially opened by Governor Irungu Kang'ata on July 12, 2023. PHOTO | Stephen Munania.

Transforming Maragua Sub County: Murang'a County development record under Governor Kang'ata

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The Murang'a County Government, under the leadership of Governor Dr. Irungu Kang'ata, has continued to implement an ambitious development agenda across Maragua Sub County, delivering transformative projects in the education, roads, agriculture, health, water, sanitation, and trade sectors.

The investments are aimed

at improving access to quality education, enhancing transport infrastructure, strengthening food security, expanding healthcare services, improving water supply, and stimulating economic growth through modern markets and trading facilities.

Education

Education remains one of the county government's top priorities, with billions of shillings invested in the construction, renovation and equipping of Early Childhood

Development Education (ECDE) centres across all wards in Maragua Sub County.

Kimorori/Wempa Ward

The county government constructed two ECDE classrooms at Athaara ECDE Centre at a cost of Ksh1,705,390. A four-door ablution block at Kimorori ECDE Centre was also completed at a cost of Ksh4,373,305.

Construction of classrooms at Githanji and Karugu ECDE Centres was completed at an approved cost of Ksh4,020,872.

The county further undertook the renovation and construction of Kangangu and Magoto ECDE classrooms at a cost of Ksh4,140,850.

Construction of Wempa ECDE classroom and renovation of Methi CCF ECDE classroom was completed using Ksh2,934,475.

Renovation works at Senior Chief Gichohi and Gangururu Primary School ECDE classrooms cost Ksh2,774,450.

Construction of Karugu ECDE classroom and toilet block, together with renovation of PK ECDE classroom, was undertaken at a cost of Ksh2,774,450.

The county also completed the construction of Githanji Primary ECDE classroom and renovation of Karungangi Primary School ECDE classroom at Ksh2,774,450.

Ichagaki Ward

The renovation of Mutundu B ECDE Centre cost Ksh1,273,830.

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Construction of a classroom and ablution block at Gathunguri ECDE Centre was completed at a cost of Ksh1,961,660.

The county government constructed Kamuiru and Huhoini ECDE classrooms at Ksh3,000,116.

Construction of the Kiameni ECDE classroom cost Ksh1,343,700, while Ngemu and Kagaa ECDE classrooms were completed at Ksh3,374,050.

A new ECDE classroom at Githuya Primary School was built at a cost of Ksh1,318,500.

The fencing and construction of an ablution block at Kanyai ECDE Centre was undertaken at Ksh1,499,965.

Renovation and construction works at Mungu-ini, Kanyai and Kiriti Primary School ECDE centres cost Ksh2,774,450.

Renovation of Ikuyu and Muirini ECDE classrooms was completed at a cost of Ksh1,738,501.

The county also renovated Gikomora and Itaara ECDE Centres at a cost of Ksh1,709,900.

Maragua Township Ward

Two modern ECDE classrooms were constructed at Maragua Township ECDE Centre at a total cost of Ksh2,920,020.

Kamahuha Ward

Construction of classrooms at Wathiani and Igikiro Primary School ECDE Centres cost Ksh3,050,670.

Construction of Iganjo and Kaharati Primary ECDE Centres was completed at a cost of Ksh4,083,680.

Renovation of Maganjo and Thaara ECDE classrooms cost

Ksh2,518,700.

Construction of Ndorome Primary School ECDE classroom cost Ksh2,774,450.

Renovation of Kahaini Primary School ECDE classroom cost Ksh2,774,450.

Construction works at Kaharati Primary School ECDE Centre also cost Ksh2,774,450.

Nginda Ward

Renovation of Ikundu and Kirundu ECDE Centres, together with construction of an ablution block, gate and fencing, cost Ksh2,149,275.

Construction of Nyagachugu ECDE classroom cost Ksh1,481,430, while construction of a classroom at Kambiti Primary School ECDE Centre cost Ksh1,572,902.

Renovation of Kariti, Maragwa-

Nyakaguma and completion of Kiangoma ECDE Centre cost Ksh1,726,498.

Renovation of Kirimaini, Gathathi and Gikindu Primary ECDE Centres cost Ksh2,153,916.

Renovation works at Gitumbi, Ihigaini and Kiamwone ECDE classrooms cost Ksh2,774,450, while similar works at Kiangoma Primary School also cost Ksh2,774,450.

Makuyu Ward

Construction of an ECDE classroom cost Ksh1,878,980. Construction of Kihara ECDE classroom cost Ksh1,570,058.

Renovation of Makuyu and Molwem ECDE Centres cost Ksh2,452,940.

Construction of Kanyururuku ECDE classroom cost Ksh2,774,450.



Kangangu Dispensary in Kimorori/Wempa Ward Maragua Constituency. PHOTO | MCG.

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A resident enjoys the flow of fresh water at the Kinoo/Mithini Water Project in Makuyu Ward on September 1, 2024.
PHOTO | Irungu Kang'ata.



Construction of Kaseve ECDE classroom and ablution block cost Ksh2,774,450.

Renovation of Maji Mazuri ECDE classroom and construction of an ablution block cost Ksh2,774,450.

Kambiti Ward

Construction of Mathengeta and Kiambaa ECDE classrooms cost Ksh2,847,100.

Construction of Kiambamba and Gathanga ECDE Centres cost Ksh3,000,109.

Construction of ECDE classrooms at Mihango, Kitune and Matanya cost Ksh2,774,450.

Kakuzi/Mitumbiri Ward

Construction of Mwanawikio ECDE classrooms was completed at a cost of Ksh2,774,450.

Collectively, these projects have significantly improved early childhood learning infrastructure, providing safe, modern and child-friendly learning environments for thousands of children across Maragua Sub County.

Construction of Mwanawikio ECDE classrooms was completed at a cost of

Ksh
2,774,450.

Roads infrastructure

The county government has invested heavily in upgrading roads to improve connectivity, facilitate movement of goods and people, and enhance access to schools, health facilities and markets.

Among the completed projects are:

- Grading and gravelling of Nyerere-Kifiriri and Kiamakumi-Ikuyu roads in Ichagaki Ward at Ksh2,774,450.
- Grading and gravelling of Kagaa Access Road in Kimorori/Wempa Ward at Ksh2,774,450.
- Upgrading to bitumen standards of JCT Forthall-

- Zabuka-Kabati-County Aggregated Industrial Park Loop Access Road at Ksh56,858,560.
- Improvement of Kaharati Stage-Kaharati Plots Access Road in Kamahuha Ward at Ksh2,811,175.
- Road works on Kigoro-Kiyo Access Roads in Kambiti Ward costing Ksh3,624,347.
- Upgrading of Kibiriri Access Road in Ichagaki Ward at Ksh5,448,910.
- Gravelling of Mungetho-Huhoni and Mihango Dispensary-Mataka Access Roads in Kambiti Ward at Ksh3,091,039.
- Road works on Mathingira Access Road in Kamahuha Ward costing Ksh2,943,565.
- General road works in Makuyu Ward valued at Ksh2,900,750.
- Grading and gravelling of Rurii-Thaara Catholic Church Road and Siranga-Mutharata-Nyati Primary School Road in Kamahuha Ward at Ksh2,774,450.

- Construction of Zabuka-Githanji culverts, Bahati-Ngemu culverts, Gikono-Mangoto footbridge and Reli kwa Thiongo gabions in Kimorori Ward at Ksh2,774,450.
- Supply and installation of culverts in Makuyu Ward at Ksh2,774,450.
- Grading and gravelling of Kahuho-Kyaume Access Road in Kakuzi/Mitumbiri Ward at Ksh2,774,450.
- Improvement of Kirundu, Kiendwa and Kigoru roads in Nginda Ward at Ksh2,774,450.
- Grading and gravelling of several roads in Kamahuha Ward, including Maganjo-Wanjihi, Rwanguno-Manyatta, Kaharati-Wamunderu, Kiranga-Araeli, Aiagikiro-Kabogoro-Ihoero Ndorome and Mathingira-Karugiro, at Ksh4,192,240.
- Routine maintenance of Ihumbu Plot-Kangethu-

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Mutaraho–Kariti–Karinga Catholic Church Access Road in Nginda Ward costing Ksh4,648,280.

- Gravelling of Kwa Maina Nyerere–PCEA Ha Muguruki–Ha Nduma Gathimu Access Road at Ksh4,475,512.
- Grading and gravelling of Zabka–Nginyi–Kabuku Access Road in Kimorori Ward at Ksh2,479,268.
- Grading and gravelling of Kitune Access Road in Kambiti Ward at Ksh2,716,720.
- Improvement of Gaaci–Kagenyo and Itara Thagama Access Roads in Ichagaki Ward at Ksh3,168,250.
- Construction of Mutithi–Kinoo Water Pan in Makuyu at Ksh889,720.
- Grading works on Kiabene–Kiawathangati–Githigi–Kiunyu and Startway–Wanjohi–Nduru roads in Ichagaki costing Ksh3,518,164.

These investments have greatly improved mobility, reduced transport costs and opened up rural areas for agricultural production and trade.

Agriculture

Agriculture continues to be the backbone of Maragua Sub County's economy, and the county government has rolled out several interventions to improve productivity and household incomes.

Farmers continue to benefit from the distribution of avocado, mango, banana and coffee seedlings, tree tomato seedlings, sweet potato vines, sorghum, French beans and other high-value traditional crops.

The county government has implemented the Ititu–Ikundu Irrigation Project, which supplies water to smallholder farmers, increasing food production and improving nutrition.

Through the National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP), implemented at a cost of Ksh639,865,699, thousands of farmers have benefited from improved agricultural technologies, irrigation schemes, market linkages, community water projects, youth employment and

farmer capacity building.

The county has also implemented the Upper Tana Natural Resource Management Programme, promoting sustainable food production, environmental conservation and improved household incomes.

Other notable agricultural investments include:

- Banana micro-propagation chambers.
- Banana solar dryers.
- Mini bakery equipment.
- Hammer mills.
- Livestock fodder development.
- Procurement of milk coolers.
- Installation of egg hatcheries.
- Murang'a Dairy Coolers Programme under Murang'a Cooperative Creameries Union.
- Dairy Cow Ownership Programme.

Health

The county government has continued to strengthen healthcare infrastructure to enhance access to quality and affordable medical services.

Construction of Kangangu Dispensary in Kimorori/Wempa Ward was completed at a cost of Ksh4,753,280, bringing healthcare services closer to residents and supporting the realization of Universal Health Coverage.

Water and sanitation

To improve access to safe and reliable water, the county government has implemented several strategic water projects.

Supply of pipes and fittings for the Kinoo/Muthini Water Project in Makuyu Ward cost Ksh4,564,194.

The Wathia-ini–Manyatta–Rwangunu–Kangita Water Project in Kamahuha Ward was implemented at a cost of Ksh2,468,480.

These projects are expected to increase access to clean water for domestic use, agriculture and livestock.

Trade

To stimulate local commerce and create a conducive business environment, the county government has upgraded market infrastructure across the sub county.

Renovation and upgrading of

Renovation and upgrading of Kambiti Open Market in Kambiti Ward cost

**Ksh
3,125,000.**

Kambiti Open Market in Kambiti Ward cost Ksh3,125,000.

The county also completed the supply and installation of cabro paving blocks at Sabasaba Shopping Centre in Maragua Sub County at a cost of Ksh24,894,306, significantly improving the trading environment and accessibility for traders and customers.

The extensive investments undertaken across Maragua Sub County demonstrate the Murang'a County Government's commitment to inclusive development and improved service delivery.

From modern ECDE classrooms and upgraded roads to expanded healthcare facilities, irrigation projects, water infrastructure and modern markets, these initiatives are transforming livelihoods and laying a strong foundation for sustainable socio-economic growth.



Murang'a Governor Irungu kangata speaks during the official launching of Kangangu Dispensary in Kimorori/Wempa Ward Maragua Constituency on June 13, 2026. PHOTO | MCG

Governor Irungu Kang’ata in pictures. PHOTO | Murang’a County.



Governor Irungu Kang’ata shares a light moment with a senior citizen during the launch of Deliverance Church Road and commissioning of the Kayole Smart City project in Murang’a Town on June 28, 2026. PHOTO | Murang’a County.



Governor Irungu Kang’ata initiated key upgrades at Sabasaba Health Centre including the installation of solar power, comprehensive renovations, an ultrasound machine and an X-ray unit. Now, the facility offers 24-hour services bringing great relief to residents. PHOTO | Murang’a County.

Governor Irungu Kang’ata enjoys a walk with residents of Wanga Ward, Kiharu Constituency on June 21, 2026 during the official launch of Gathinja Smart City Project set to transform the area through improved infrastructure. PHOTO | Murang’a County.



Governor Irungu Kang’ata officially commissioned the Kongu-ini Social Hall on April 5, 2026. This facility is critical for hosting community meetings, trainings and other social events. PHOTO | Ester Maina.



The Murang’a County Government Governor Irungu Kanga’ta launched Nanga Kamurio borehole in Kakuzi/Mitumbiri Ward Gatanga Constituency on July 10, 2023. PHOTO | MCG.

Governor Irungu Kang’ata in pictures. PHOTO | Murang’a County.

The Gakuyu Smart City Project at Gakuyu Shopping Centre launched by Governor Irungu Kang’ata on July 26, 2026. It comprises paving of cabro roads, improved accessibility for traders and creates a conducive environment for business. PHOTO | MCG.



A resident enjoys the flow of fresh water at the Kinoo/Mithini Water Project in Makuyu Ward on September 1, 2024. PHOTO | Irungu Kang’ata.



Inside one of the wards at the Kirwara hospital Gatanga that was upgraded to level 4. PHOTO | Irungu Kang’ata.



Kamacharia Social Hall Mathioya. PHOTO | Irungu Kang’ata.



Residents gather during the official launch of renovated Muthithi Dispensary on November 2, 2025. PHOTO | Irungu Kang’ata.

Muranga' smart city project enhances growth of local businesses

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Milestone Badge

The modernisation of at least five urban and trading centres in Gatanga constituency, Murang'a County, under the Smart City Programme has improved access to markets, boosted business and enhanced mobility.

Murang'a County's Smart City Programme is hinged on upgrading infrastructure, enhancing public safety, improving efficiency and promoting a cleaner, more organised environment for residents and traders.

The programme was launched

by incumbent Governor Irungu Kang'ata on May 12, 2023, and has so far seen the transformation of Gatura, Kaguku, Mukarara, Gatunyu, Ndunyu Chege and Kirwara areas into vibrant commercial hubs through road tarmacking, cabro-paved pathways, installation of storm-water drainage networks and town beautification.

According to the county's website, Smart City is a premier infrastructure initiative aimed at modernising towns, improving infrastructure and creating a better environment for business and residents.

Under the programme, the centres also benefitted from



Residents on one of the completed Gatunyu Market Gatanga Smart City programmes on December 21, 2024. PHOTO | Stephen Munania.



Governor Irungu Kang'at joins residents during the launching of Kigumo Kinyona Karinga dairy and dispensary on July 26, 2026. PHOTO | Irungu Kang'ata.

installation of solar-powered street lighting and improved walkways, which have made the areas cleaner, safer and more accessible.

The streetlights have enhanced visibility at night, helping to reduce crime and creating a conducive environment for businesses and residents.

With better roads and improved security, the areas have been transformed into 24-hour economies where businesspeople can extend operating hours, attract more customers and operate more efficiently, boosting local commerce and expanding opportunities.

The market centres were previously characterised by

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Governor Irungu Kang'ata addressing residents on August 3, 2025 during the launch of Mukarara Smart City project in Kihumbuini ward under Smart City projects. They feature extensive Cabro works enabling access to all businesses and creates a favourable environment during rainy seasons.
PHOTO: Murang'a County.

muddy streets and poor lighting, which stunted the dignity of the traders. Presently, the programme is positioning the devolved unit as a model for sustainable urban development.

Gatura town

In Gatura Town, the upgrading involved the tarmacking of the market access roads and infrastructural facelifts.

It was one of the earliest urban centres targeted under the programme. The main works began in May 2023 and were completed on July 17, 2023.

Kaguku town

The regeneration of Kaguku Town entailed its integration into the urban connectivity expansion

plan to improve local commerce channels.

The scope of the upgrade – which kicked off on March 4, 2024 and achieved completion by August 2025 – involved tarmacking, drainage development and pavement mapping.

The area, which serves as Ithanga Sub-County headquarters, saw the replacement of muddy earth streets with comprehensive bitumen standard roads donned with modern drainage systems and expanded municipal street lighting grid.

Mukarara shopping centre

The revamping of Mukarara

Shopping Centre, situated in Kihumbuini Ward, featured cabro paving and installation of new drainage systems to eliminate mud during rainy seasons. The works officially commenced in early 2025 and were completed and launched by Governor Kang'ata on August 3, 2025.

According to a local media report in December 2025, Governor Kang'ata appealed for more funds to scale up the programme to other areas.

He said that about 40 market centres across the county had been transformed under the programme, and that with additional funding, the quality of life for all residents

will be improved.

“Pray that the county secures funding. If we obtain more funds, we will be able to develop more smart cities and complete the work; our current progress reflects the resources we have available right now. To date, we have carried out projects in approximately 40 markets across Murang'a,” he said at a public meeting in Kiharu.

Gatunyu market

Regarding Gatunyu Market in Mugumoini Ward, phase 1 of the project started on December 22, 2024 and involved tracking, drainage clearing and site levelling.

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The layout and heavy physical installations were sequentially executed through the first half of 2025.

This established the structural foundations for the broader Phase 2 expansion that was commissioned concurrently by Governor Kang'ata on August 3, 2025.

Phase 1 focused strictly on transforming the most critical trading segments of the market by laying specialised all-weather cabros to address heavy mud pooling and setting up basic storm-water controls.

Kihumbuini Market

The Kihumbuini Market transformation involved putting up extensive cabros in early 2025 under the staggered phase rollout by the local government, with core completion recorded in August 2025.

Specifically, the project involved



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Governor Irungu Kang'ata

the installation of heavy-duty, all-weather cabro paving across the main trading zones, integration of an optimised storm-water drainage system and linkage with the municipal street lighting to support a sustainable rural-urban business environment.

The residents and traders received the projects warmly, underscoring that it has made their lives easier and bearable.

A trader, Julius Mutonyi, said: "The construction of this road has really helped us because cargo trucks will be able to access the area easily."

His sentiments were echoed by a resident, Martha Warukira, who said: "He has done a good job there. The paving blocks are excellent; we are grateful."

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Cabro works in Mukarara that have enabled access to all businesses while creating a favourable environment during rainy seasons. PHOTO: Murang'a County.

Murang'a on course to realise universal health coverage



Aerial view of the Kenneth Matiba Hospital. PHOTO | Murang'a County.

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Milestone Badge

Kandara Constituency in Murang'a County is at the forefront of advancing the ambitious Universal Health Coverage agenda following the construction of key health facilities.

The expansion of Kandara Level 4 Hospital, relocation of Kenneth Matiba Dental and Eye and Hospital and establishment of a dispensary in Gatitu have catalysed access to better, convenient and affordable medical services by residents.

Under Governor Irungu Kang'ata, the projects, which were funded through joint partnerships between the county and national governments, have scaled up health infrastructure, created centres of excellence and strengthened the utilisation of public funds.

Kandara Level 4 Hospital

The county built a new general ward block at Kandara Level 4 Hospital, also known as Bildad Kagia Hospital, with a 20-bed capacity that has so far provided

treatment to more in-patients and decongested other major county and regional health centres since patients no longer have to seek treatment there.

Further, by providing localised inpatient services, the facility – whose construction officially began on May 29, 2023 – helped to ease referrals to Murang'a Level 5 Hospital, or other facilities in neighbouring Kiambu County, thereby reducing expenses patients previously incurred.

According to a local media report on December 4, 2023, Governor Kang'ata said the new ward would serve more patients seeking inpatient services in addition to benefitting the more than 300,000 residents of Kandara.

With the hospital handling about 4,000 outpatients and over 120 maternity cases per month, the ward provided a sense of development for both patients and health workers.

“The construction of new wards signifies continued efforts by the county government to improve the quality of medical services offered in all health facilities in the county,”

Governor Kang'ata said while launching the facility in December 2023.

Kenneth Matiba Dental and Eye and Hospital

The governor also demonstrated his commitment to better usage of public funds after successfully relocating Kenneth Matiba Dental and Eye and Hospital from a rented premise at Kenol Town to a building in Makenjie, Kandara sub-county, erected on public land. The move enabled the county to save about KSh1 million incurred as rental costs every month.

In 2023, Muranga County formally secured about 1,500 acres of land ceded by the Del Monte Fruit Processing Company for public development projects.

Later in October the same year, the administration officially launched the construction of the hospital at a cost of KSh270 million, with completion taking place in May 2024.

The relocation caused a two-week halt of services between June 24 and July 7, 2024.

The five-storey building enabled the county to upgrade the hospital's facilities and improve the overall patient experience.

The hospital, which is now a centre of excellence, offers comprehensive dental and ear, nose, and throat (ENT) services.

This strategic move also underscored Governor Kang'ata's commitment to enhancing healthcare infrastructure and accessibility.

The hospital embraced a fully cashless system operating via M-Pesa, making transactions seamless and easy to track.

The project delivered a main specialised outpatient complex with consulting rooms and standard treatment offices designed to comfortably handle large volumes of patients.

It boasts a state-of-the-art ophthalmology unit worth Ksh100 million and a comprehensive dental unit.

A resident had this to say: “...or Maragua and over at Kenol where there is an eye clinic, the cost was very high. Going there costs something like Ksh100. But here, it is just a matter of crossing the road; we are very grateful.”

Following the construction of the facility, employment opportunities ranging from maintenance, security and supply chain logistics have been created, with commercial market stalls built around the hospital.

Gatitu

In his quest to expand access to primary care for residents in the constituency, Governor Kang'ata launched a dispensary in Gatitu in early 2025. The facility had been derelict for 20 years. The works began in 2023.

The dispensary is classified under level two, operating as a primary, basic outpatient care centre, providing HIV/AIDS care, counselling, maternal care and diagnostic testing.

It is also fitted with a solar grid and electronic medical records (EMR) system. The facility has improved healthcare at the grassroots level.

Telemedicine was integrated into the county's digital health infrastructure to allow local medication refills and basic outpatient consultations for chronic illness management.



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Murang'a embraces digital revolution to improve service delivery



Murang'a County has digitised health services across its facilities, enabling electronic patient records, faster service delivery and improved drug management, while telemedicine and teleradiology now provide patients with remote access to specialist consultations and radiology reporting. PHOTO | MCG.

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Milestone Badge

The modernisation of public service delivery by Murang'a County government through the roll-out of an integrated digital system has not only increased revenue collection and improved access to services but also showcased the entrepreneurial spirit of young people.

The mobile platform dubbed 'MyMurang'a App' has digitised and consolidated all local public services to provide convenience, efficiency and reduced turnaround time.

The system has displayed the county's determination towards bringing public services closer to the people through digital transformation. Governor Irungu Kang'ata unveiled the system on April 18, 2026.

The app has promoted proactiveness and transparency since residents can lodge complaints, track applications and receive county updates through the platform.

Marking a major leap towards transformational leadership, the initiative demonstrates Governor Kang'ata deftness in utilising the power of technology to promote development by cutting costs, reducing public malfeasance and improving accountability.

According to local media reports, the app allows residents to pay land rates, business permits, parking fees, water bills and other county charges through the easy-to-use unified platform.

"We have now consolidated all those elements into a single platform known as the 'MyMurang'a App'; were it not for this automation, we would not have been able to collect Ksh1.3 billion in own-source revenue," Governor Kang'ata said

when launching the platform. The governor said the county intends to push the revenue collected to KSh1.6 billion, which is tremendous compared to the Ksh520 million collection recorded in the erstwhile administration.

The system also incorporates Artificial Intelligence tools that assist users to find information faster and give guidance on county procedures without necessarily visiting the relevant offices in-person.

The system is a culmination of the county's ICT and Finance departments efforts to overhaul the previous USSD platform. The public services were formerly accessible through USSD *267# on mobile phones.

The project was launched in January 2023 following a successful pilot towards the end of 2022. The code eliminated physical cash handling, which improved tracking, accountability and transparency.

This granted county government immediate visibility into daily collections by location and category, as the system is connected directly via cloud servers to secure control dashboards.

It is in its quest to improve the USSD infrastructure that the county deployed the unified My Murang'a App, merging payment interfaces alongside public communication channels.

The system has fully phased out manual cash collection across all sub-counties for public vehicle parking, direct billing loops for personal cars and cargo trucks and market cess/levies for all traders.

The revenue is used to fund public projects like the smart city programme and health interventions such as Kang'ata Care.

In Kandara sub-county, the money is funding the rehabilitation of market access roads, Gachaarage market and another in Kabati town.

Other projects funded by the county include Kangema hospital loop, Kanyenyaini market corridors and putting up drainage networks in Gatura and Kaguku areas.

Streetlighting projects have equally been funded by the revenue collected, thus providing security and longer working hours for traders.

How Ksh162m development push has transformed roads, healthcare in Mathioya

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Milestone Badge

Murang’a County, through its Kenya Devolution Support Programme II (KDSP II) framework, has implemented a series of rural access road projects aimed at improving connectivity, boosting agricultural trade, and enhancing residents’ quality of life.

In Mathioya Sub-County, a total of 18 verified completed road-related projects were identified, spanning fiscal years FY 21-22, FY 23-24 and FY 24-25, concentrated primarily in Gitugi, Kiru and Kamacharia wards.

Collectively, the 18 legitimate completed projects represent a cumulative disbursement of approximately Ksh137 million, with 100% of approved budgets fully disbursed and 100% physical completion reported for each project - a strong indicator of fiscal discipline and effective project closeout by the county government.

#	Project	Fiscal Year	Amount (Ksh)
1	Upgrading to bitumen standard – multi-market access roads (Ciumbu, Gacharage, Kaguku, Kamune)	FY 23-24	70,747,560
2	Cabro paving slabs – Gitugi Shopping Centre	FY 24-25	18,927,394
3	Kagio-ini – Thuruthuru access road, Kiru Ward	FY 23-24	5,594,680
4	Mananga Posta–Kianjoma–Gikoe roads & Gitereki–Kandara stairs, Kiru Ward	FY 24-25	5,367,084
5	Gikindu – Kingara Marimera access road, Kamacharia Ward	FY 21-22	3,711,781
6	Kairi-ini access road, Gitugi Ward	FY 24-25	2,894,745
7	Kibiko–Gitie–Gachibi access road, Kamacharia Ward	FY 23-24	3,738,390
8	ACK Ngutu Gachiri access roads, Gitugi Ward	FY 21-22	3,570,110
9	Wairatu – Kabithi access road, Kamacharia Ward	FY 21-22	3,625,056
10	Ndurumo – Kairi Loop access road, Kamacharia Ward	FY 21-22	3,583,820
11	Ihiga Ria Ngechu – Ndurumo access road, Kamacharia Ward	FY 21-22	3,577,440
12	Grading works, Kamacharia Ward	FY 21-22	3,535,680
13	Grading & gravelling, access roads, Kamacharia Ward	FY 21-22	3,591,900
14	Grading, access roads, Kamacharia Ward	FY 21-22	3,391,859
15	Grading, access roads, Kamacharia	FY 21-22	3,195,140
16	Grading & gravelling, Gitugi Ward access roads	FY 21-22	2,057,327
17	Grading & gravelling works, access road, Kamacharia Ward	FY 21-22	N/A (0 disbursed)

Table showing completed projects and respective allocations. Source: County Government of Murang’a.



The Thuita Health Centre is fully equipped with a pharmacy, consultation rooms, and other essential facilities to deliver quality healthcare to locals. PHOTO | MCG.

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The Wahundura Dispensary Maternity Wing is fully equipped encouraging safe deliveries and addressing the wellbeing of mothers and their children. PHOTO | MCG.

Major projects

Multi-market bitumen upgrade (Ksh70,747,560), covering Ciumbu, Gacharage, Kaguku and Kamune market-access roads across four sub-counties, this is the single largest allocation in the dataset.

These bitumen upgrades have directly reduced transport costs for farmers moving produce to market, cut vehicle maintenance costs, and improved access to health and

education facilities especially during rainy seasons.

Also, these upgrades have given a new look for towns as they now look neat, well managed and offer a good and conducive environment to do business hence boosting the areas economic activities.

According to Governor Irungu Kang'ata, cabro paving at a commercial shopping centres including Gitugi shopping centre,

supports local trade by creating a durable, all-weather trading surface, reducing dust and mud that previously hampered business activity, and improving the general commercial environment for small traders and boda-boda operators.

Consequently, the Mananga Posta-Gikoe roads and Gitereki-Kandara stairs combines road grading with pedestrian stair infrastructure, addressing Murang'a's

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characteristically hilly terrain and improving safe pedestrian movement alongside vehicular access.

At least Ksh5,367,084 million has already been spent on these projects that have positively impacted on the locals easing transportation.

Murang’a is a leading producer of coffee, tea, avocado and macadamia, much of it grown on smallholder farms in hilly, semi-remote areas such as Kamacharia and Gitugi.

All-weather access roads reduce the time and cost of transporting perishable produce to collection centres and markets, minimising post-harvest losses and improving farmer incomes.

The KSh 70.7 million multi-market upgrade, touching four separate market centres has the widest reach and thus benefiting thousands of trading and farming households.

The stairs built alongside the Gitereki-Kandara road address a mobility challenge unique to the county’s steep topography, where vehicular roads alone cannot safely serve pedestrians.

This infrastructure design approach is responsive to local geography rather than a one-size-fits-all template.

At the same time, the cabro paving at Gitugi Shopping Centre has improved public health

outcomes, since paved surfaces reduce dust-related respiratory issues and waterlogging common at unpaved trading centres during rainy seasons.

The completed infrastructure portfolio in Mathioya Sub-County shows a clear pattern: smaller, high-frequency grading and gravelling contracts (roughly Ksh 2–4 million each) form the backbone of rural connectivity improvements, while occasional larger, multi-ward bitumen upgrades deliver higher-visibility, longer-term economic returns.

Together, these investments — cumulatively around KSh 137 million — represent a meaningful, community-anchored contribution to rural mobility, market access and local economic resilience in Murang’a County.

Health projects

Access to quality healthcare remains one of the most pressing development priorities for rural counties in Kenya, and Murang’a County has, through its Kenya Devolution Support Programme II (KDSP II) framework, directed a portion of its devolved development budget toward primary healthcare infrastructure.

The five completed health projects are concentrated in Kamacharia and Kiru wards, both within Mathioya Sub-County.

They fall into three broad categories: new dispensary construction, dispensary completion/ablution works, and diagnostic laboratory construction.

Together, they represent a cumulative disbursed investment of approximately Ksh25,222,678, with each project reporting 100% of its approved cost fully disbursed and 100% physical completion.

#	Project	Fiscal Year	Amount (Ksh)
1	Construction of Gathunya Dispensary, Kamacharia Ward	FY 24-25	8,907,750
2	Construction of Thuita Dispensary, Kamacharia Ward	FY 23-24	7,976,839
3	Construction of Kamacharia & Kairi Laboratory, Phase 1	FY 23-24	4,951,130
4	Completion of Kagongo Dispensary, Kiru Ward	FY 23-24	2,274,640
5	Construction of Iruri Dispensary ablution block, Kamacharia Ward	FY 24-25	1,112,319

Table showing completed health projects and allocations. Source: County Government of Murang’a.



Murang’a governor Irungu Kang’ata interacts with locals during the Kigumo Kinyona Karinga dispensary launch on July 26, 2026. PHOTO | MCG.

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Project analysis

The largest single allocation in the health portfolio is the construction of Gathunya dispensary in Kamacharia Ward at a cost of Ksh8.9 million in FY 2024/2025.

Constructed in a previously underserved area, this facility has significantly reduced the distance residents must travel for basic health services like outpatient care, maternal health services, and treatment of common illnesses.

For a rural, hilly ward like Kamacharia, where poor roads make travel to distant facilities difficult, this dispensary has been transformative especially for pregnant women, children, and the elderly who are most vulnerable to delays in accessing medical care.

A second new dispensary facility, also in Kamacharia Ward constructed for the benefit of the locals is the Thuita dispensary.

Two new dispensaries within the same ward in consecutive years suggest a deliberate strategy to expand primary healthcare coverage across multiple villages within Kamacharia rather than concentrating investment in a single facility, improving the ward's overall health-access footprint.

Also, the construction of Kamacharia and Kairi laboratory, Phase 1 adds another layer

of the county's vision to give residents relief as far as healthcare is concerned.

Laboratory services are a critical complement to dispensary care, enabling testing for conditions such as malaria, HIV, and basic blood work, rather than requiring referral to distant hospitals.

Being labelled 'Phase 1' indicates this Ksh4.9 million project is part of a multi-phase development plan, with further laboratory capacity expansion likely planned for subsequent fiscal years.

The completion of Ksh2.27 million Kagongo dispensary in Kiru Ward, has brought so much relief to the locals who had previously been forced to travel long distances to receive medical care.

Most health facilities have poor sanitation measure raising the risk of diseases like cholera and typhoid and this is one of the reasons the Governor Irungu Kang'ata's administration pumped at least Ksh1.1 million at Iruri dispensary for ablution block.

While modest in cost, sanitation infrastructure is essential for infection control, patient dignity, and compliance with public health facility standards, and often determines whether a facility can be fully licensed and operational.

The combined effect of these five projects

is a measurable expansion of primary healthcare infrastructure across Kamacharia and Kiru wards.

Two new dispensaries, one completed dispensary, one new laboratory, and one sanitation upgrade collectively reduce the average distance residents must travel for basic care, ease congestion at larger regional hospitals, and improve early detection and treatment of common illnesses through added laboratory capacity.

Dispensaries typically provide antenatal care, safe delivery support for low-risk births, immunisation services, and child growth monitoring.

Locating these services closer to rural households is particularly significant for maternal and child health outcomes, since delays in reaching a facility during labour or a paediatric emergency are a well-documented driver of preventable complications in rural areas.

The completed Health-sector portfolio in Mathioya Sub-County demonstrates a coherent, ward-focused strategy of expanding primary healthcare access through a mix of new construction, completion of stalled facilities, and targeted infrastructure additions such as laboratories and sanitation blocks.



Murang'a governor Irungu Kang'ata at a past event. PHOTO | Courtesy.

Murang'a's Youth Employment and Skills Development Record Under Governor Irungu Kang'ata



Governor Irungu Kang'ata makes his remarks during Murang'a Education Day in Ihura, Murang'a Town on July 25, 2026. Murang'a Youth Service Cohort 7 graduated, with each graduate receiving a Ksh15,000 start-up grant. PHOTO | Irungu Kang'ata.

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Creating employment opportunities and improving young people's ability to earn a livelihood are among the priorities identified by the Murang'a County Government under Governor Irungu Kang'ata.

The county's programmes combine short-term employment, technical training, entrepreneurship support and access to opportunities within the county public service.

One of the administration's flagship interventions is the Murang'a Youth Service (MYS), a programme established to address youth unemployment

through community service, skills development and business support.

The programme was launched in October 2023 and recruits young people aged between 18 and 35 through a transparent balloting process across all 35 wards of the county.

The programme provides participants with a two-month community service placement, during which they undertake activities including urban cleaning and drainage maintenance.

Participants receive a daily stipend of Ksh400, with Ksh100 directed to their parents. The arrangement is intended to provide young people with an income while also connecting them to productive community activities.

can improve participants' employability and entrepreneurial capacity. Graduates are then eligible for Ksh15,000 in seed capital to start businesses and a one-year waiver on county taxes to support their ventures.

The county's medium-term planning documents similarly identify the Murang'a Youth Service as a youth empowerment programme built around short-term community employment, technical skills training and business start-up capital. The strategy also includes registration of young people for the Social Health Insurance Fund.

Employment and skills development have also been pursued through the county government's internship programme. In 2025, the Murang'a County Public Service Board advertised internship opportunities for graduates in areas including communications and media, youth polytechnic instruction, ECDE, medical laboratory technology, ICT, supply chain management and automotive engineering.

The stated objective was to provide graduates with hands-on experience, workplace skills, professional networks and exposure that could improve their prospects for employment and entrepreneurship.

Other development initiatives that create job opportunities in Murang'a county include Bodaboda Sector Support, education and technical training, and programmes under the Youth Affairs, Sports, Culture and Social Services.

Taken together, these interventions indicate an approach that goes beyond direct recruitment into county employment.

The administration has sought to create temporary income opportunities, provide practical training, support youth enterprises and give graduates workplace exposure.

Participants receive a daily stipend of **Ksh400**, with Ksh100 directed to their parents.

The programme had engaged more than 5,200 young people by January 2025, following the recruitment of its fifth cohort. Beyond the immediate income provided during the community service phase, the programme is structured to give participants skills that can support longer-term employment and self-employment.

After the community service component, participants proceed to a three-month Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programme funded by the county government, under Governor Kang'ata.

The training is designed to provide practical skills that



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