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DESPATCH FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

H.E Governor Gladys Nyasuna Wanga, today Tuesday 10th January 2023, chaired the Homa Bay County Government's fifth Executive Committee meeting during which, progress on service delivery for the great people of Homa Bay County was reviewed, in line with actualization of the County Government's manifesto of hope to the people in the diverse sectors that affect their daily lives. The meeting appreciated the steady progress of transformative action within the different Departments in the County, notwithstanding the enormous challenges around implementation of the same, including but not limited to inadequate and slow process of availing necessary funds from the Exchequer.

The meeting confirmed that the County welcomes partnerships as it embarks on preparing for a tree planting day to be officiated by the Cabinet Secretary in charge of Environment Hon Soipan Tuya, who will also be the Chief Guest during the inaugural Governor's Mentorship Camp on 20th March 2023.

As part of the restructuring programme aimed at optimizing service delivery to the Citizens in the County, the Executive Committee approved a training and rebranding programme for the Inspectorate Unit of the County, given the unit's position as the face of enforcement.

In line with the intention to nurture and expose talent among the youth in the County, the meeting commended the ongoing **Genowa Governor's Cup whose final will be on 13th and 14th January at the Homa Bay High School**, in an event that will be graced by the **Cabinet Secretary incharge of Youth Affairs, Sports and The Arts Hon Ababu Namwamba**. The Department of Sports also reported to the meeting on the progress of construction work at the Stadium, which is projected to be completed by end of February 2023.

Cognizant of the year 2023 schools' calender and following an earlier approval for the County Bursary programme, the Executive Committee confirmed that **issuance of bursary cheques** will commence on 13th January 2023 until 23rd January 2023 in every Ward, where a **minimum 500 applicants** will be considered and

awarded, bringing the overall total of **beneficiaries in the whole County to 20,000.**

Aware that malnutrition is rife among early years children across the County, the meeting appreciated the progress of work at the Kigoto Maize Milling Plant; now producing the **MOKWA Brand of Maize Meal**, and issued a further directive that the Mill embarks on producing nutritious fortified porridge flour for distribution to all the 868 EYE Centres, under the soon to be launched ECDE school feeding programme.

Further, still on Education, the Executive Committee noted and appreciated the receipt from the Ministry of Education, Kenya Government, of **Kes. 5,172,208.25, being disbursed for Students in 34 Vocational Training Centres** within the County.

In accordance with the prioritized position of improving healthcare services in the County, the Executive Committee approved the commencement for the construction of an **Accident and Emergency Unit at the Homa Bay Teaching and Referral Hospital**, alongside a funeral parlour at the same facility as well as a Mortuary at the Senna Hospital in Mfangano Island, in a bid to accord a decent send off to the departed.

On Tourism, the meeting approved a proposal to incorporate the County's tourism sites into the Western Kenya Tourism Circuit, and

mandated the Department of Tourism to initiate a programme to map out all the potential tourism sites and appropriately brand them for marketing.

Finally the Governor, the Deputy Governor and the Executive Committee Members reiterated their individual and collective commitment to service delivery in pursuit of Homa Bay County' full realization of its **#ENDLESSPOTENTIAL**.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Tuesday 10th January, 2023.