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WEEKLY DISPATCH FROM THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF HOMA BAY

1. H.E Gladys Wanga, CBS, Governor Homa Bay County has in the past few **days taken her time to meet all the Community Health Workers (CHWs)**. She has had interactive sessions with them at their various sub-counties, listening to them as they air their views on how best to help manage the primary healthcare in the county and also how best to capture the primary health indicators. **She has assured them of her commitment to further make their work more efficient through, among other things, providing them with PPEs, and data capture gadgets among other work-related matters pertinent to the invaluable job they continue to render to the people of Homa Bay.** The Governor also took the occasion to assure them that the county government will continue to religiously remit their monthly stipends as she had promised.
2. Homa Bay County Marks World Environment Day. **The county government of Homa Bay together with partners on Monday 5th, marked the 50th World Environment Day(WED) at an event punctuated with calls to better manage plastic waste to save both terrestrial and aquatic life.** WED, an annual event within the framework of UNEP, is commemorated worldwide by environmental enthusiasts, conservationists, and policymakers. This year's celebration was themed **Solution to Plastic Pollution - Beat Plastic Waste** and was held at the Koginga Lakefront, Homa Bay Town. The office of the governor was represented by Mrs Rachel Ogutu who is the government spokesperson. Partners such as DACA, World Vision, NEMA, Plan International, Asumbi TTI, Shauri Yako Primary School, USAID, Aluora Makare, WeTu, Red Cross, Kenya Fisheries, and Kenya Forest Services among others also took part.
3. Homa Bay County is now ready for **Climate Change Actions conditional grants after the completion of the FloCCA Assessment of the county compliance with the minimum access conditions to the funds for the 2023/24 disbursements.** The county represented a faultless case and was certified compliant. Further, the county has established Ward Climate Change Committees that will be involved in the prioritization actions for climate change in their wards, monitoring and reporting on climate change resilience initiatives in their respective wards.

4. The County Department of Agriculture and Livestock is **carrying out pest monitoring and pesticide distribution to farmers across the county**. This follows a recent outbreak of African Army Worm and other pests that are threatening to derail the bumper harvest the farmers have been expecting. The Department, in collaboration with the state Department of Pest and disease control, **has also been conducting training for both farmers and field officers on the detection, control, and management of animal and crop pests and diseases**.

5. The County Department of Lands, Housing, and Urban Planning, in collaboration with the County Department of Blue Economy and Fisheries, **this week conducted public and stakeholder engagement with Homa Bay Pier Market traders on a possible relocation plan to pave the way for the development of the pier by the Kenya Ports Authority**. The department, in collaboration with that of Agriculture also conducted a feasibility study of the Homa Bay County shoreline to identify **a suitable area for the proposed oil palm project**. On urban planning and development, **the department has already advertised for the positions of municipal managers as well as registered engineers and physical planners to enhance the technical capacity of our new municipalities**

6. The County Department of Gender Inclusivity, Sports, Youth Affairs, Cultural Heritage, and Social Services is readying for both **World Elderly Day and the Day of African Child scheduled for 15th and 16th June at Kabunde Grounds and Nyawita Secondary School respectively. Everyone is invited**. The department is also mapping out all cultural and heritage troupes across the county as well as disseminating the SGBV Policy launched in March this year.

7. The County Department of Blue Economy, Fisheries, and Digital Economy is **conducting joint fisheries Co-management Meetings to enhance the partnership between the department and members of Beach Management Unit Networks**. The department is also carrying out monitoring, control, and surveillance of fisheries activities to lay strategies on how to monitor and control illegal, unreported, and unregulated fisheries activities

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