



## The "Integrity" Road

The 6km Maina – Chemworor road in Tot Sub-County built through public participation

It stretches six kilometres through a picturesque part of Elgeyo Marakwet County, meandering across fertile farm land, linking two robust shopping centres and considerably easing transport costs for area residents who wish to visit either town. Looking at the smooth semi-permanent road, nothing spectacular stands out about it - apart from the scenery. However, your attitude towards it changes when you hear how this road was constructed.

The Maina – Chemworor road in Chemworor location, Sambirr ward of Tot Sub-County was successfully built through public participation and funded by the County Government. Instead of costing Ksh 20m as estimated if the Government

had tendered it, it only cost Ksh 7.1m through the direct involvement of the area residents. According to the County Executive for Roads and Public Works Eng. Morris Rotich, the area residents were involved throughout the project cycle - from project idea to evaluation of the complete road. He said the residents expressed the desire to have the road expanded from a width of 3.6 metres to 9 metres, to allow for vehicles and other transport to use it. The entire project commenced on 10th March, 2015 and was completed on 11th June of the same year. Throughout the 80 days of road construction, area residents participated fully in all stages. Eng. Rotich says the original, thinner road greatly inconvenienced residents whenever they

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### Government to up collaboration with anti-corruption agencies

The government will continue to collaborate with various national anti-corruption institutions to scale up behavioural change campaign among Kenyans towards reporting and eradicating corruption in the country. Corruption Campaign Steering Committee, explored ways in which NACCSC and the Ministry could collaborate in sensitising and creating awareness amongst the youth and women.

corruption in the country. This will help them actively participate in the fight against The assurance was given by the vice. Arch-Bishop Wabu-



Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs Cabinet Secretary Sicily Kariuki chats with Dr Eliud Wabukala, during a courtesy call at her Harambee House office in Nairobi, today. [Photo: Eric Bosire]

the Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs Cabinet Secretary Sicily Kariuki during a meeting with members of the National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee (NACCSC), led by its Chairman, retired ACK Arch Bishop Eliud Wabukala at her office in Harambee House on Wednesday.

The meeting, convened at the or request by the National Anti- rig THE BROOM - DECEMBER 2016

kala pointed out the need to engage idle youths to be agents of change in creating awareness on the need to report cases of corruption to relevant authorities. He said his Committee has established and operationalised County Anti-Corruption Civilian Oversight Committees in 22 counties to educate residents on the need to play their role rightfully in eliminating graft. In response, CS Kariuki said her Ministry would continue collaborating with the NACCSC within the laid down frame work to ensure optimised operations. "We in the National Government will always continue working with anti-corruption institutions to end corrupt practices and also implement our pledges to our citizens," CS Kariuki said.

As a way forward, it was agreed that the NACCSC shares its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Youth Council and also their Strategic Plan for the Ministry to come up with modalities to join the initiative. The National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee was established in 2004.

It was mandated to carry out a nationwide public education, sensitisation and awareness creation campaign against corruption.

"We in the National Government will alworkways continue ing with anti-corruption institutions to end corrupt " The Committee is also seeking to forge partnership with county governments to facilitate formulation and implementation of the anti-corruption campaigns and to rally public support at the grassroots level. The event was attended by NACCSC Vice-Chairperson Ms Jessie Mutura, members and senior Ministrv officials.

By Rodgers Muthama

### **Fighting Corruption through Religion**

With the realization that corruption is a moral issue, and prevention is better than cure, the National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee (NACCSC) partnered with the Inter-Religious Council of Kenya (IRCK) via a Memorandum of Understanding signed on 8th April, 2015 to map out joint interventions in the fight against corruption.

Kenyans are a highly religious society. A large percentage of them regularly flock different places of worship to receive spiritual nourishment. As a result, Religious Leaders occupy a special platform in society as they command the attention of large congregations at any given time. As the custodians of the moral values of the society, Religious Leaders enjoy the trust of their adherents thus giving them a unique position to make an important difference in the fight against corruption. Given that corruption is as a result of lack of morals, NACCSC realized that Religious Leaders can use this platform to preach against corruption and promote ethical behaviour as well as the embrace and practice of the societal values.

Among the activities agreed upon in the MOU, was the design and development of powerful values-based scripture-referenced messages to be disseminated through the churches, mosques and temples. Already a booklet entitled "Faith Communities against Corruption" containing six messages has been developed and produced, and is currently awaiting countrywide dissemination after it is publicly launched in a high profile event soon.

Other joint activities include facilitation of Religious Leaders to craft simple sermons on corruption that can be shared on all religious platforms. IRCK and NACCSC also intend to jointly identify champions to take lead in disseminating the anticorruption and values-based messages. Various Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials will be developed to help pass on these messages to the greater public.

It is the aim of both NACCSC and IRCK to augment Government efforts in fighting corruption by appealing to the individual to shun the vice which is condemned severally in the main Religious Books namely Quran, Gita and the Bible. Religious Institutions can successfully use its many leaders to rally their congregations to heed scriptural teachings and turn away from those actions that make them vulnerable to corruption



NACCSC and IRCK Chairpersons and other participants durign the Validations Workshop for the scripture-referenced Booklet



Other high ranking NACCSC and IRCK officials during the Validations workshop *Continued on pg. 8* 

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ienced residents whenever they needed to access the nearby towns of Maina or Chemworor. Vehicles could not use it. They therefore requested the County Government to prioritize its expansion in projects being implemented in the financial year 2015/2016. In regular budgetary planning meetings, wananchi unanimously agreed

and their time so that they can supervise the works instead of employing staff to do this. In addition, the residents agreed to work closely with the Contractor for any tasks that would require unskilled labour. Encouraged by the turn of events, the County Government in response decided to procure its own excavator to cut down on costs of hiring the same.



County Executive for Roads and Public Works Eng. Mor-Rotich explains how ris the public must involve The challenge however came about when it was costed at Ksh 20m in the Bills of Quantities (BOs) drawn up by the roads experts. This was over and above the entire financial allocation to the Ward for projects to be implemented that financial year. It meant that no other project would be funded by the County Government for the whole year if they were given this money to construct the road.

The residents got together and came up with an amazing plan! As main beneficiaries of this road that they urgently need-Aed, they agreed to volunteer their land for the expansion minimal compensation, with THE BROOM - DECEMBER2016

Government projects all from inception to evaluation already drawn up a programme of families living along the road drawn from seven clans in the area. From the programme, two men living closest to the excavator at any given time, would supervise its operations the whole day then hand over to the next team of two. Their wives were tasked with feeding the crew on duty for the period their husbands were supervising. This would minimize on unnecessarv breaks in search for meals. These cost-cutting measures vielded huge savings! The total cost of the road reduced from Ksh 20m to a meagre Ksh 7.1m which was mainly used for fuel, gravel and allowances for staff on duty. A total of 100 youth were employed on temporary basis to offer unskilled labour while four supervisors and the machine driver were permanently employed.

The area residents elected a seven-member all women Project management Committee (PMC) in a baraza held in Maina Centre of Sambiri ward. Together with the supervisors, they ensured all records pertaining to the road project were maintained and kept safely. Project beneficiaries were regularly updated on the progress. On completion, two youth were employed as Monitors by the County Government to report on any maintenance issues that may be required.

A visit by NACCSC to the project on 11th November, 2016 revealed that most residents close to the road voluntarily relocated in the spirit of cutting down on expenditure. However the whole project was not without drama. A few residents were not happy when their fences, crops and other structures were destroyed as the land was cleared for the road project. It took a lot of sensitization for them to accept. Others complained of waste being dumped on their land, an issue that the Roads Engineer Chepkwony Jackson promised to urgently address. A main water pipe supplying the precious commodity to the area also suffered damage during the road construction when it was unfortunately cut by the excavator, resulting in no water accessing the huge water tanks that feed

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### **Sensitizing Wananchi through Social Audits**

#### 1. West Pokot County

Residents of Chepkondol area in Pokot South sub-county of West Pokot County have appealed to the County Government to involve them in all development projects using tax payers' money. They complained that many projects were implemented in the area without their involvement, citing the Meshau road which has no culverts or bridges and is very steep in some places posing a danger



Memebers of the public During the Social Audit

West Pokot County Anti- in the project implementation Corruption Civilian Oversight which has stalled since incep-Committee recently visited tion on 27th April, 2016. Infact,



Members of the public Laying water Pipes Pkantil Water Project in Pokot South Sub-County, funded by the County Government at a cost of Ksh 3,036,195.00. A social audit on the project revealed the water intake was too small to allow for treatment of the water, while residents confessed they were not involved to motorists. They also cited Kaptum cattle dip and Chepkondol water project, whose financing details and implementation period are not clear.

Speaking during a public forum at Meshau market recently, NACCSC reminded wananchi that they have a constitutional right to be involved in all stages of project implementation by their local leaders. NACCSC also urged them to elect members of Project Management Committees who should regularly brief them on how their tax funds are being utilized. Wananchi were told that, whether from the National or County Government, tax payers' money was drawn from the National Treasury hence its usage must all be monitored adequately.

NACCSC found the community laying water pipes which they confessed they were asked to when information spread that NACCSC would visit the project. In a public forum after the exercise, members of the public welcomed the Oversight Committee, and urged them to follow up on the slow pace project implementation. of NACCSC promised to engage the County Government to determine the project status, and report back to the community.



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residents with clean water. Eng. Chepkwony said efforts were in place to rectify the situation.

According to the County Secretary Paul Tenoi, the County has in recent months seen a steady flow of senior officials from other Counties to study and benchmark with their successful public projects. He attributed their high standards of success on enhanced public participation from the grassroots level. The County Secretary noted that the well sensitized residents were well informed on budgetary allocations to their areas, and were involved in project prioritization by County officials who also worked closely with the same residents in implementing the actual projects.

As managers of public resources, Mr Tenoi said constant feedback from the residents and other stakeholders like the civil society and media, enabled the County Government remain accountable to its citizens. He said the transparent utilization of public funds had endeared the officials to the public, who understood their oversight role and exercised it regularly whenever necessary.

He said that due to scarce resource, Government officials could not supervise all public projects and programmes regularly, and thanked area residents for taking up this role willingly. He said all projects undertaken were needs and people-based, with the Coun-Government implementty ing the people's manifesto. He revealed that all contractors that undertake projects in the area were sensitized in advance on the need to work closely with the people. The contrac-

tors were also paid only on recommendation and approval by the project beneficiary.

Given the above, Elgeyo Marakwet County has become the local benchmarking destination of choice by other Counties. The public participation has not only cut down on resource expenditure, but also enhanced accountability and transparency. As a result, corruption is hardly spoken of in the County as it is almost non-existant. This is a wonderful way that all other Kenyans must emulate - that of members of the public taking up their rightful role of policing the utilization of public funds. Imagine how much corruption can be minimized if all 47 Counties, and indeed all Kenyans participated fully in the development agenda of their local areas!



Part of Maina Chemworo Road

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#### Kakamega County Social Audits

Residents of Marama Central Ward in Butere Sub County of Kakamega County have been urged to attend public barazas and development meetings to join in the management of public funds. Speaking at Shitsitwi Health Centre during a social audit of the project by NACCSC, wananchi were urged to involve themselves in the development agenda of their County and hold their leaders accountable. The social audit exercise revealed that the health centre, built by the Constituency Development Fund in two phases at a cost of Ksh 5.32 million, was a priority by the local community and they were well involved in all stages of its construction. Phase Three estimated to cost Ksh 7 million will involve the acquisition of additional land to construct a children's ward and a modern maternity facility. NACCSC is equipping Kenyans with the capacity to fight corruption at the grassroots level by ensuring the prudent usage of public funds from both the National and County Governments.



Shitsitswi Health Centre in Butere SubCounty was funded by The ConstituencyDevelopmentFundatacostofKsh.5.32Million

"The Social Audit revealed that the Health Centre was a priority by the locals"



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The County Civilian Anti-Corruption Oversight Committee collecting data on the project from the Project Management Committee supervising the health centre.

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Inadequate participation by the public in the fight against corruption is a major setback to the fight that needs be addressed urgently. to With the Religious Leaders on board to remind all that corruption is evil and should not be tolerated, we believe that Kenyans will join in the fight as they wield enough power to bring this vice to an end

Planning for The Future ..NACCSC Strategic Plan 2016-2021

The National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee on 6th October, 2016 held a Stakeholders' Validations Workshop to discuss the campaign draft Strategic Plan that has been developed to guide the implementation of the nationwide campaign against corruption in the period 2016 to 2021.

In implementing the campaign, the Committee has always been guided by a strategic plan. This is the third Strategic Plan that NACCSC is developing following the expiry of the most recent covering the period 2011-2015. In the just ended strategic plan period, the Committee recorded various achievements, key among them, the establishment and operationalization of County Anti-Corruption Civilian Oversight Committees in 22 Counties, signing of Memoranda of Understanding with key stakeholders thus Kenya Methodist University, Maendeleo ya Wanawake Organization and the Inter-Religious Council of Kenya. The Committee also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with five other Institutions to form the Integrated Public **Complaints Referral Mechanism** (IPCRM) which is an electronic platform to address public complaints. All the Memoranda are at various stages of imple-

Committees; participated in civic education on the Constitution of Kenya, 2010; promoted corruption reporting through training of Journalists; mobilized the citizenry fight graft through values messages; observed the



The draft NACCSC Strategic Plan was developed by Mr Benjamin Karume, lead consultant with ACAL consulting company.

mentation and the Committee is satisfied with the progress.

The Committee, further, undertook capacity building for opinion, youth, religious and women leaders, Project Management Committees, Water Users Committees, stakeholders in the lands sector and Constituency Development Fund

UN International Anti-Corruption Day (every 9th December); sensitized the public to demand services as per Departmental/ In execution of its mandate, a number of challenges were experienced. While there is a high level of awareness on corruption in the country, the proportion of citizens who take

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Bungoma County Social Audits

Bungoma County Anti-Corruption Civilian Oversight Committee recently conducted a social audit on the High Altitude Training Centre - a project funded by Bungoma County Government in Mt. Elgon Sub-County. The project, constructed at Ksh 45 million so far, will be completed in three phases at a cost of Ksh 300 million to include outdoor facilities like an international size athletics track. Local residents support the project saying it will greatly nurture their track and field talent.



Accountability Board for the High Altitude Training Centre



Section of High Altitude Training Centre

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Bungoma County Anti-Corruption Civilian Oversight Committee undertaking Social Audits

Bungoma County Anti-corruption Civilian Oversight Committee also undertook a Social Audit on the Kenya Medical Training Centre (KMTC) in Bumula Constituency Bungoma County.

PMC Chairman of the project Mr. Maurice Makhanu, a former Provincial Commissioner and area Member of Parliament said so far, the CDF project has consumed Ksh 4 million and is incomplete due to slow funds disbursements.



Kenya Medical Training Centre(KMTC) in Bumula Constituency.

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action against corrupt practices remains low at 5.3%. The country continued to witness some corruption suspects being escorted by 'jubilant' members of the public as they went to be interrogated and record statethe previous strategic framework. The process involved data collection and fact finding from a majority of the internal and external stakeholders. The Committee wishes to translate the high awareness



Deputy Director in the Directorate of National Values and National Cohesion Mr Josiah Musili giving his views for incorporation into the NACCSC Strategic Plan during the Validations Workshop

ments, with many more corruption suspects retreating to their communities to seek cover for their individual crimes. Further, corruption seems to have multiplied with the advent of devolution and subsequent increase of resources to the County Governments. There have also been rapid technological, socio-economic, political and legal changes in the country. These not only require a major shift in the focus of the fight against corruption by the central government but also across all county governments and citizenry.

In developing this Plan, due consideration was given to the above challenges and the review and lessons learnt from level and knowledge that citizens have on corruption into tangible action. In conceptualizing the campaign for the next five years, the Committee identified a number of key strategic objectives.

These include a shared value system among the citizens across the country, increased public awareness and information on corruption, empowering citizens to fight and prevent corruption, creating linkages and collaboration with strategic partners and stakeholders, strengthening institutional integrity and accountability, building an effective human resource capacity and automating the Committee's operations. Various programmes have been developed to implement various activities with an aim of attaining the objectives. These objectives seek to prime preventive measures, to complement other approaches, to the fight against corruption. It is anticipated that, successful implementation of various strategies enumerated in the Plan will result in a society that does not tolerate corruption but, instead, shuns the vice and actively participates in the fight.



One of the key requirements for the successful implementation of the Plan is adequate resources to conduct a sustainable campaign against corruption. The Committee is alive to the fact resources are scarce and the few that are available should, of necessity, be utilized prudently. NACCSC will, therefore, seek to partner and work with all organizations in the anti-corruption sector, to create synergy and ensure that the taxpayer gets maximum returns of his investment.

#### IPCRM Workshops-'Sema !Piga Ripoti!'

The Integrated Public Complaints Referral Mechanism (IPCRM) held two workshops for the six agencies in two different regions over the months of September to November, aimed at sensitizing the participants on the partner mandates and training them on how to use the e-platform to refer complaints from wananchi. NACCSC was represented by the Kakamega County Anti-Corruption Civilian Oversight Committee (CACCOC) Chairman in the workshop for North Rift, Western and Nyanza regions held at Sentrim Lodge, Naivasha from 24th to 28th October, 2016.

Three other CACCOC Chairs from the region of Mt Kenya, Nairobi and North Eastern attended the second workshop held in



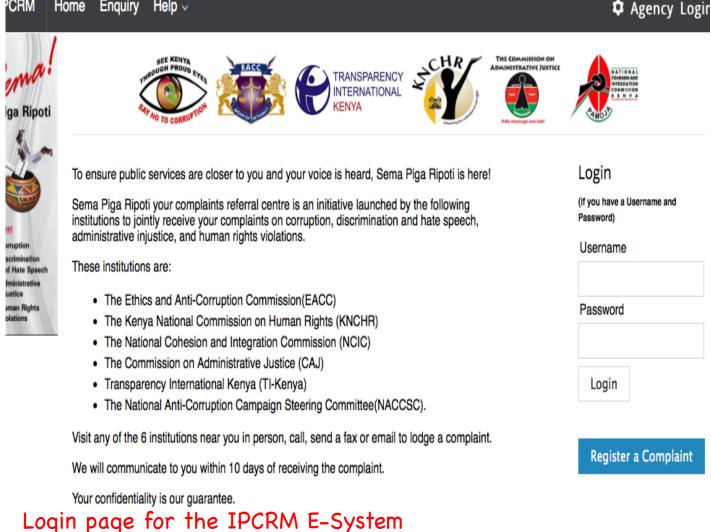
Great Rift Valley Lodge, Naivasha together with two CACCs - Mr Lawrence Chege and Ms Sophie Ligondo from 30th October to 4th November, 2016.

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Earlier, а three-day workshop for the six agencies in the Coast Region was held from 12th to 16th September, 2016 in a Mombasa hotel.

NACCSC was represented by the Ag. Programme Officer, Communications who also chairs the IPCRM Communications Committee. The workshop was attended by the three regional CACCOC Chairs of Mombasa, Taita-Taveta and Kilifi Counties.

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### **International Anti-Corruption Day**

This year's International Anti-Corruption Day was celebrated in nine regions with the National event being commemorated in Kajiado County on Friday 9th December, 2016 at the KCB Grounds in Kajiado town. The regional commemorations were held in Kwale, Tana River, Marsabit, Narok, Garissa, Elgeyo Marakwet, Embu and Kakamega counties.

The day is set aside to take stock of the fight against corruption, looking at the gains, trends as well as challenges. As is usual exhibition tents were erected at all the venues to allow members of the public engage with public institutions tasked with the mandate of preventing and fighting corruption. The theme for this year's celebrations "Fighting Corruption: Our Collective Responsibility" was very appropriate and echoed NACCSC's clarion call "Fighting Corruption, My Responsibility" which seeks to enjoin all Kenyans in the fight against corruption. It is imperative that every Kenyan not only knows that he or she has a role to play in the fight, but also effectively plays that role. From early morning, hunof Kaiiado Countv dreds residents flocked the KCB Grounds to build their capacity on their role in preventing and fighting corruption both individually and collectively. The National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Commit-Archbishop tee Chairman (Rtd) Eliud Wabukala was among the chief quests that addressed the gathering. In his speech, he condemned

the ongoing trend of politicization and ethnicization of corruption by political leaders, saying corruption is a serious issue that must not be trivialized as its long-term negative effects are disastrous to developing countries like Kenya. Citing recent cases where political leaders traded accusations on which party member is more corrupt than the other, the Chairman challenged Kenyans to join in the fight and ensure corruption is fought effectively, and public funds are utilized as intended. Archbishop (Rtd) Wabukala noted that all National Government Cabinet Secretary Hon. Gen (Rtd) Joseph ole Nkaisserry, Director of Public Prosecutions Keriako Tobiko, and the Kajiado County Governor, Dr. David Nkedianye, among other national government and county officials. NACCSC also participated in Embu, Kwale, Narok, Kakamega, Elgeyo Marakwet and Garissa through the County Anti-Corruption Coordinators and County Anti-Corruption Civilian Oversight Committees present there.

Every 9th day of December the world commemorates



NACCSC Chairman introduces Members to the crowd

efforts must be put in ensuring the corrupt are shunned in society, and are never elected to office to pilfer public resources for personal gain thus further impoverishing the rest of Kenyans. The chief quest was the Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, Hon. Justice David K. Maraga. He was however represented by his deputy, Hon. Philomena Mwilu, who pledged to ensure that the judiciary speeds up the hearing of corruption cases for the war to be seen to be won. Other speakers included the Interior Security and Co-ordination of

International the Anti-Corrtion Day. The United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) was adopted by the General Assembly on 31st October, 2003 by Resolution 58/4. It was a landmark international anti-corruption treaty. The General Assembly then designated 9th December as International Anti-Corruption Day for the purpose of raising awareness about corruption and of the role of State Parties in combating and preventing it. The Convention entered into force in December 2005.