

Relief for expectant mothers in remote village as maternity wing opens

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Residents of the remote villages of Ngarendare, Mbujuu, and Manyangaro have received a major boost in healthcare access following the opening of the first-ever maternity wing at Ngare Ndare Dispensary, a project jointly implemented by Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and the Meru County Government.

For decades, expectant mothers in the three villages were forced to walk more than 20 kilometres to access maternity services in Nanyuki, Meru town, or Isiolo, often putting their lives and those of their

unborn children at risk. Local residents have hailed the new facility as a game-changer, noting that women can now give birth in a safe and hygienic environment.

Lewa Wildlife Conservancy Partnerships and Programmes Coordinator John Kinoti said the project is part of Lewa's commitment to community development.

"Ngarendare is a landlocked area that lacked health services. The maternity wing will not only improve healthcare but also support environmental conservation by reducing risky movements during emergencies," he

said, noting that women previously gave birth at home or even in forests due to lack of access to medical services.

Lewa invested more than Sh3.3 million in equipping the facility with beds, baby warmers, delivery equipment, a washing machine and partitions.

The conservancy also invested more than Sh5 million in equipping the laboratory, supplying reagents, servicing equipment, employing a laboratory technician, constructing staff housing and paying support staff salaries for more than five years.

"This is a relief to mothers because they will access



Lewa Wildlife Conservancy Partnership and Programmes Coordinator John Kinoti (in a hat) and Meru County Governor Isaac Mutuma (in light blue shirt and jeans trousers) during the tour of Ngare Ndare Maternity Wing after its launch. PHOTO: DICKSON MWITI

the facility easily. It is also a good way to begin the year, offering good health services and saving lives," Kinoti said.

Meru County Governor Mutuma M'Ethingia described the maternity wing as a life-changing

project that would significantly reduce maternal and infant mortality.

"This maternity has a state-of-the-art equipment and will ensure safer deliveries. We will deploy medical officers and ensure adequate drugs are supplied

to this level two facility," he said.

The governor also assured residents that his administration would defend them against land grabbers who have been a hindrance to land development in the area.



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PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING ON TARIFF ADJUSTMENT AND LICENCING

The Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB) has received applications from three (3) Water Service Providers (WSPs) for tariff reviews and licensing. These applications are submitted in line with Section 72(1)(b) of the Water Act 2016, aiming to enable full cost recovery to ensure sustainable service delivery and facilitate critical investments for improved water services. Additionally, licensing applications have been submitted under Section 85(1) of the Water Act 2016.

Therefore, in compliance to WASREB principal object under the Water Act 2016 Section 70(1) "protection of the interests and rights of consumers in the provision of water services", Section 87(1). "An application for a licence and tariff shall be subject to public participation" read together with the provision of Section 139, we hereby notify the public of upcoming consultation meetings. These meetings will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to express their views on current service delivery, proposed tariff adjustments, and potential service improvements.

Please note that the Water Service Provider shall hold hybrid public consultation meetings (physical and virtual) as outlined below.

Water Service Provider (WSP)	COUNTY	VENUE	DATE AND TIME	TYPE OF APPLICATION
Githunguri Water & Sanitation Company Ltd (GIWASCO) Email: info@githunguriwater.co.ke	Kiambu	PCEA Ayub Kinyua Church Grounds, Githunguri Town	10 th February 2026 at 10.00 a.m.	Tariff Adjustment
Nyasare Water Supply & Sanitation Co. Ltd. (NYAWASCO) Email: info@nyasarewater.co.ke	Migori	Onyalo PEFA Church, Opposite Nyasare Water Supply Office, Migori Town	12 th February 2026 at 10.00 a.m.	Tariff Adjustment
Elwak Water & Sewerage Company LTD (ELWASCO) Email: elwakwater@gmail.com	Mandera	Elwak Municipality Hall	13 th February 2026 at 2.00 pm	Licence and Tariff Adjustment

Important information:

- Each WSP is required to engage with stakeholders in different zones within its service area before the scheduled public consultation and submit a report to the Regulatory Board.
- Members of the public in respective areas are invited to make oral and written submissions and ask any questions that may relate to the provision of water services in their areas.
- Details regarding the proposed tariff adjustment, minor investments, and performance targets can be accessed at www.wasreb.go.ke.

Written comments on the application can be emailed to WASREB at info@wasreb.go.ke. Hard copies can be submitted to:

The Chief Executive Officer,
Water Services Regulatory Board,
5th Floor SHA Building,
Ngong Road,
P.O. Box 41621 -00100,
NAIROBI.

The closing date for receipt of comments is **30 days** after the publication of this notice.

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