



# NYEWASCO

A Newsletter of Nyeri Water and Sewerage Company Ltd.

# NEWS

Republic of Kenya



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## ISO 17025:2005 Accreditation

### MISSION

*"To provide quality water, sewerage and allied services at commercially and environmentally sustainable levels through application of outstanding processes and technology to the delight of our customers and other stakeholders"*

### VISION

*A world Class Water & Sewerage Service Provider*

## Editorial

It is with great pleasure that I am releasing this edition of the NYEWASCO newsletter. Since my joining of the company on November 2015, the company has continued to play a significant role in the Nyeri County Development agenda as stipulated in both the Nyeri County Integrated Plan and Vision 2030. In



line with the mandate spelt out by the Nyeri County Government in water services provision, NYEWASCO has contributed towards access to clean piped water by extending and continuously modernizing its water distribution infrastructure. To date, NYEWASCO has achieved a significant milestone and a key achievement is laying down a water pipeline of approximately 600kms, in addition to undertaking several ongoing water extension and sanitation projects.

An efficient and reliable water infrastructure is critical in improving the quality and reliability of water supply and reducing water losses. Towards this end, NYEWASCO has identified and prioritized several projects for implementation with the assistance of the Nyeri County Government during the next five years.

Since some of these projects like sewer lines are capital intensive, we shall rely heavily on funding from both the Nyeri County Government, National Government and other bilateral and multilateral sources.

The future is bright and promising for NYEWASCO and its customers. With a favorable working environment, the company endeavors to maintain the momentum of continual improvement, remain sensitive to customer needs and support the Nyeri County Government to set the standards of water services provision. NYEWASCO does not have a choice but to ensure that the residents of this County of Nyeri enjoy the benefits of reliable, efficient, accessible and safe drinking water.

**Peter M. Gichaaga**  
**Managing Director**

### **NYEWASCO AIMING FOR A BIGGER MARKET SHARE**

NYEWASCO is a dynamic and a growing water services provider company. Since its inception in 2014, it has been extending its services over the years, and has expanded with new water extensions to parts of Mathira, Kieni West and parts of Tetu. The company has introduced significant developments in new technological for piped water distribution by use of HDPE pipes, water meter calibration services and drinking water laboratories services that continue to give it an edge in the market place.



# ISO 17025:2005 Accreditation

The company led by the Managing Director Mr. Peter M. Gichaaga, has maintained the ISO/IEC 17025 certification. This has been a great milestone for the company.

## Modernization of the company fleet

The company has embarked on modernization of its fleet. This year, the company acquired a new pick up. This will enable the company to respond to emergencies and transport more materials to the field.



## Acquisition of new sewer pumps

This year, NYEWASCO acquired new sewer pumps for its Kiganjo Pumping Station. The target of the company is to continue renewing its aging pumps at Kangemi & Gatei Sewerage Treatment Works and within its water distribution system.

## Favorable Partner in Bench marking

As a business, NYEWASCO is continuously chosen as a destination of choice by majority of water services providers companies in Kenya and the larger East African region, including Southern Sudan by continuously being visited. Through this bench marking visits, the company is continuously exposing other water services providers companies to the latest trends & technologies in water and sewerage services provision. The company is always invited to attend international water conferences.

## Recognition

During the 2015 launch of Water Services Regulatory Board Impact report the company was voted the best and received an award for exemplary services in provision of water and sewerage services. This was indeed a moment of pride for the company.



# Picture Speaks



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## Nyewasco Partnering With Nyeri County Government adopts new strategy in drive to extend water to unserved areas through the last mile connectivity program

If there is one thing that the coming of Devolution is slowly providing a solution, is boosting the internal way of financing water infrastructure by NYEWASCO. Nyeri County Government has adopted a strategy to facilitate 100% water connectivity to its residents.

This strategy involves the County Government forgoing Lease Fees for Sustainable Development of the Water Infrastructure by NYEWASCO. Water being a devolved function under the Nyeri County

Government, the past few years have shown that solutions to water problems within Nyeri, require a solution by the Nyerians themselves. The Nyeri County Government has been giving a priority to water needs and dedicating previous lease fees payable to councils and water boards towards solving the water problem. What the County Government did was to forgo the lease fees payable by NYEWASCO. Many Nyeri residents have not been paying attention to this fact of lease fees that were payable by Nyewasco. This interface between the County Government and Nyewasco has turned out to be a very vital one for residents and now the company is looking at all possible ways to see major priority water projects identified by the County Government, including those earmarked through the County Water Integrated Development Plan be implemented.

NYEWASCO has demonstrated that although many County Governments thought that water infrastructure can only improve through huge investments, within NYEWASCO area of jurisdiction there has been slow extensions within parts of Mathira, parts of Kieni like Mweiga, Mwereri, Samaki, some parts lower parts of Tetu, etc. This extensions are being carried out by using lease generated by NYEWASCO, but withheld by NYEWASCO on behalf of the County Government. This lease fees were previously payable to Councils and water boards. In order to improve

accountability and transparency of this withheld lease funds, a corporate special current account for Nyeri County Funds was opened at the National Bank of Kenya. In the near future, it is projected that the previous slow pace for water supply and

sanitation infrastructure is likely to improve.

More often, there has been a promise of a mega dam underway on river Chania to act as a reservoir for NYEWASCO water supply system during the

dry periods, but construction and progress of the dam appears to have been put on hold. Other similar important projects that appear to be on hold or stalled, for instance are the Chaka Town sewerage system, Mweiga Town sewerage system, Ruring'u, Skuta, just to name a few.

Think about it. With an efficient water distribution system, we can solve some challenges in the rural areas and fast upcoming urban areas. As is often repeated by the Nyeri County Executive for Water, Sanitation & Environment Eng. T. Ngunyangi, a good supply of clean drinking water would go a long way in reducing water borne diseases within the county, reducing the medical budget at the various hospitals run by the County Government, improving the health of our people, hence rural farmers will improve the quality of their lives. It is upon water services providers to develop the infrastructure and stop people from getting water right from the rivers for domestic consumption.

If done right, a good water supply system development is the linchpin that would launch sound developmental progress for other aspects of our Nyeri Economy. Failure to invest in water and sanitation, is failure to cure many water borne diseases.



## Rising Pipped Water Demand Coupled with climate changes and Lack of funds for Water Extension Projects, a Real Headache for the Nyewasco Board as more residents demand for pipped water extensions increase

Climate change has been a topic of discussion globally, while many international conventions to discuss mitigations of the impact have been held. Back to Nyeri, residents on far flung areas where pipped water can be accessed only by way of pumping, including double pumping, have approached Nyewasco to consider supplying water to such high attitude settlements. This rising water demand is what is causing a big headache to the Company.

Over the years, rivers within Nyeri County whose main source of water is Mt. Kenya, have been experiencing declining water levels as a result of unpredictable weather patterns and unsustainable irrigation water practices. This is a development that is exerting pressure to Nyewasco at a time when the company does not have sufficient funds for extension of water projects. This year alone, the rains within the Mt. Kenya area disappeared for more than three months, impacting negatively on the rivers water flows, within some parts of Kieni and Mathira. It is now more challenging to tell when it is going to rain for the rivers to start flowing again.

Today, the Nyeri population is growing and with the expansion of the county, there is rising demand for pipped water. This water has to be provided at

an affordable rates. One of the most ambitious plan by Nyewasco is to build a mega dam on river chania to act as a reservoir. The deadline to put up this dam was set to be 2017. Through this dam, it is possible to



connect water up to 80% of residents through gravity. The biggest challenge now lies in managing the mix of water supply, i.e., through pumping and gravity. Supplying water through pumping is no longer sustainable because of the escalating costs of electricity that Nyewasco has to grapple with. Water has to be made cheaper, while the company adopts greener technologies. Apart from the electricity being expensive, power supply keeps on being interrupted forcing the company to go for alternative energy sources like generators in order to keep supplying water round the clock. Running generators

increases the cost of fuel. Supply of pipped water to Mweiga area & its outskirts is always disrupted whenever there is a power blackout, leading to many complaints by residents.





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