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Aberdare Forest Conservation Drive

In the ongoing endeavor to achieve a national forest cover of 30% by the year 2032 and safeguard water catchment regions, NYEWASCO, along with other partners, participated in a tree planting event on April 28th, 2023 at the Tree Tops Paddock site within Aberdare National Park.

The "I am a Champion for Conservation" initiative, organized by Faulu Foundation and Old Mutual Foundation, aimed at curbing climate change through minimizing soil erosion and increasing water retention. The drive focused on promoting conservation efforts, with a particular emphasis on protecting the water catchment areas. This, in turn, would contribute to the fight against climate change and help create a sustainable future for all. The event brought together stakeholders from Kenya Forest Service, Tana Water Works Development Agency, Kenya Wildlife Service, National Environment Management Authority and other government institutions



NYEWASCO Young Water Professionals engaging in a tree planting activity together with Faulu Old Mutual Foundation counterparts at Aberdare National Park

Addressing the event, The Chairperson Old Mutual Foundation, Madam Susan Omanga, stressed the importance of involving young people in climate change action campaigns, particularly through the use of digital platforms. With the rise of technology, social media and other digital tools have become powerful tools for mobilizing people towards environmental management causes. Madam Omanga recognized the potential of these platforms to reach a wider audience and engage young people in taking action to combat climate change. She encouraged young people to advocate for environmental sustainability and work towards a greener future for all by harnessing the power of technology and social media.

Bottom: #we are champions of environmental conservation.



ACAG Stakeholders Meeting

NYEWASCO and the Aberdare Conservation Action Group (ACAG) co-hosted the third Chania River stakeholders meeting on April 19th, 2023. The meeting focused on developing strategies to involve farmers and landowners along the Chania River, from Aberdare catchment to Marua, in a bamboo tree planting project.

Through collaboration and engagement with stakeholders, NYEWASCO and ACAG are working towards a greener and more sustainable future for the region. They noted the urgent need for a responsive strategy to act on adverse climate change, whose threats have been felt not only locally but also globally.

Guided by the coordinator, Dr. J.N Ndogoni, the stakeholders' deliberated on transformational methods and attitudes towards environmental conservation.

The stakeholders focused on the major tasks involved in reversing the climate change crisis and reviewed various approaches employed by other global groups who are on the same mission.



ACAG Members participating in discussions during the meeting

Gatei Tree Growing Drive: 26th April, 2024- Roadmap towards planting 1 Million trees by June 2026

In ensuring a sustainable future for our environment, NYEWASCO led by the Managing Director, Eng. Peter G. Kahuthu, the Management and staff held a tree growing drive at Gatei Treatment Works.

The drive was aimed at taking advantage of the ongoing rains towards curbing the current climate change crisis.

It also served as a way to contribute to this year's Earth Day campaign themed 'investing in our planet'.

'More than 1800 trees were planted'.









SPORTS WATSAN CORNER

The preparations for this year's 12th Edition WASCO games which will be held in Narok County are in high gear. Team Captains have been briefed on the level of preparedness of the host so far. The dates have been confirmed as 14th to 18th August, 2023 with majority of the competitions being held in Maasai Mara University and William ole Ntimama Stadium.

During a meeting held on Thursday 27th April, 2022, all the captains agreed to strict timelines for team selection and practice sessions to ensure the Company will field very strong and formidable teams capable of capturing position one overall, or at least defend second position achieved at the 11th Edition games held in Kisumu County. Any member of staff, who feels they are good in any discipline are kindly requested to contact the Team leadership for trials during the selection.

The opening ceremony of the 12th Edition Games shall be held inside the world famous Maasai Mara Game Reserve on the 14th August, 2023.

Paul Michuki & Jane Kago

Team Manager and Asst. Team Manager, Sports.



Above: NYEWASCO Football team, alongside the team manager, assistant team manager, and enthusiastic cheering squad from NYEWASCO, posing for a group shot during a friendly match with MUWASCO at Tetu Boys Primary School in Nyeri, on April 22nd, 2023. The match was a close one, with NYEWASCO winning by a score of 2-1 over their opponents.

Below: NYEWASCO Table Tennis team posing for a group shot during a friendly tournament with NAWASSCO held on April 29th, 2023 at NYEWASCO's conference hall



NYEWASCO Welfare Updates

The main objective of the welfare Group is to avail moral, social and financial support to members during times of need.

During the month: 5 cases were attended: two related to connubial, one for patrilineal, one for matrilineal and one case was to assist an ailing member.

Report by John Kihanya, NYEWASCO Welfare.

To the newlyweds:

We extend our warm congratulations to those who tied the knot during the month of April and began a new chapter with their beloved partners.

Congratulations Joseph Ndiritu





Congratulations James Wanjama



Bundles of joy

We send our heartfelt congratulations to the two staff who welcomed new bundles of joy into their families.

We are thrilled to share in your happiness and wish you all the very best in your new journeys!

Congratulations Keziah!



Congratulations Issa!

We also want to extend our best wishes for a quick recovery to one of our staff members who is currently facing health challenges. We stand with you in this difficult time and send our thoughts and prayers your way. We pray for your speedy recovery.

Quick Recovery Martin!



FROM SACCO'S DESK



The sacco management wishes to thank all members for the continued support. During the month dividends amounting to 5.6 Million were paid to members at the rate of 15% and 9% on shares and deposit respectively. Further, loans amounting to 4.7 Million were issued in March and April.

During the AGM members resolved to review member's minimum monthly contributions from July 2023 as per the grading system as follows:

FROM	TO
2,400	3,000
3,600	4,200
4,100	5,000
5,200	6,000
7,000	8,000
10,000	12,000

NYEWASCO SACCO PRODUCTS

Product	Permanent Staff	Contract	Casuals
Normal Loan	5 times deposit	3 times	1.5 times Deposit
	Up to 36 Months	Maximum repayment	Maximum repayment
	repayment period,	period 36 Months @	period 18 Months @
	interest is 12%Pa	12%P	12%P
	Above 36 Months to 60	Repayment period	
	Months repayment	should not exceed the	
	period, interest is	contract period	
	14%Pa		
School Fees	12 Months repayment	12 Months repayment	12 Months repayment
	period @ 12% interest	period @ 12% interest	period @ 12% interest
	PA	PA	PA
Emergency	12 Months repayment	12 Months repayment	12 Months repayment
	period @ 12% interest	period @ 12% interest	period @ 12% interest
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Soft Loan	6 Months repayment	6 Months repayment	6 Months repayment
	period @ 15% interest PA	period @ 15% interest PA	period @ 15% interest PA
Compassionate Loan	24 Months repayment	24 Months repayment	24 Months repayment
Compassionate Loan	period @ 18% interest	period @ 18% interest	period @ 18% interest
	PA	PA	PA
Jijenge Loan	12 Months repayment	12 Months repayment	12 Months repayment
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	PA	PA	PA
Dividend Loan	A third of net interest	A third of net interest	A third of net interest
	on shares and deposits	on shares and deposits	on shares and deposits
	payable within 4	payable within 4	payable within 4
	months at the rate of	months at the rate of	months at the rate of
	4% per Month	4% per Month	4% per Month
Guarantorship	At least 5 guarantors	At least 5 guarantors	At least 7 guarantors
	required	required with two	required with two
		being permanent	being permanent

From, Secretary NYEWASCO SACCO

PARTNERSHIPS: VISIT BY NATIONAL BANK OF KENYA: 27th April, 2023



A team from National Bank poses for a photo with the Management team from NYEWASCO's team

On April 27th, a team from the National Bank of Kenya visited the Company. The Managing Director, Eng. Peter G. Kahuthu, warmly received the team, and both groups engaged in extensive discussions regarding relationship and partnership building.

During the meeting, National Bank team gave a presentation on their products and services. Some of the products and services presented were; Insurance Brokerage Services which entails Risk Assessment and Insurance Premium Financing among others, Revenue Collection Services and Benevolent Cover. They provided detailed information about each of these offerings, emphasizing their benefits and advantages.

Additionally, the team highlighted a significant partnership the bank formed in 2021 with Aqua for All. Aqua for All is a financing program focused on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH). The program's aim is to provide financial support to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), corporates, vendors, and other entities involved in the water and sanitation value chain.

Furthermore, the Bank team discussed their green financing initiatives, which are part of their Corporate Social Responsibility and sustainability projects. These initiatives demonstrate the bank's commitment to environmental responsibility by promoting and supporting environmentally friendly projects and businesses. The deliberations produced valuable outcomes. These outcomes, once implemented, will strengthen the relationship between the parties involved and create opportunities for potential partnerships

INTERVISTA/

Interview: Leah Wangari





Fun Facts About Leah!

Name: Leah Wangari

County: Nyeri County

Place of Birth: Mweiga Kieni West Sub

county

Status: Two beautiful girls

Department: Water Production

Favorite Meal: Kuku Chapo

Choose One

Facebook or Instagram: Facebook

Extrovert or Introvert: Extrovert

Outgoing or Conservative: Outgoing

Passion: Learning a new skill

Inspiration Quote:

The best way to predict the future is to create it.

How long have you worked at NYEWASCO?

I joined NYEWASCO in 2017. Started off as a casual employee for four years and am currently on a two-year contract working in water production department.

Give me a brief history about your career experience before joining NYEWASCO. How different is working at Nyewasco as compared to the previous experiences.

I started working at Nyeri Water immediately I completed my university degree in 2017. I may not have had an opportunity to work in another company but I believe I got the best of my experiences here. NYEWASCO is the place to be. It has given me an opportunity to grow and on the same breath empowered my career.

What is a typical day or a week for you? What do you like most about your work?

I wake up at 5.30 a.m. in the morning where I take some minutes for self-reflection and planning my day. I then report to work at 6.45 a.m. where I get ready to start my shift at 7.00 a.m. As a water operator, providing quality water is our day to day business.

What are your hobbies and how do you spend your time beyond work schedule?

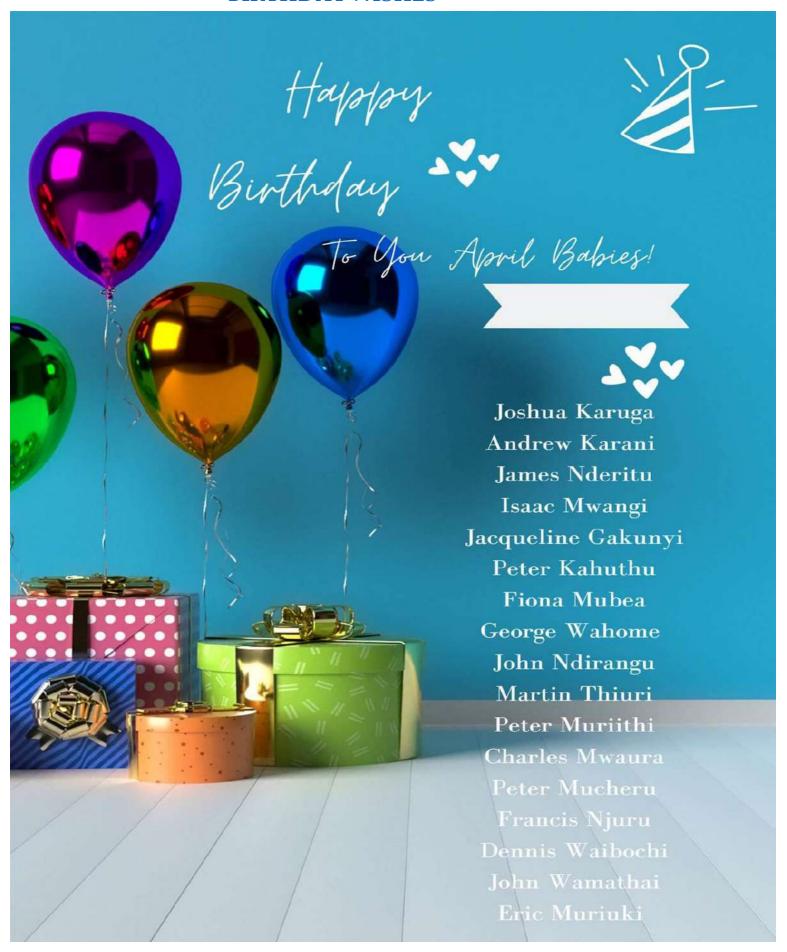
Reading, singing, dancing and adventure

Who inspires you

My two beautiful daughters are my motivation. Every day I wake up and contemplate on how best I could impact their life as their mother and also how well I could invest in their future as their patron. This has always influenced my work ethic and my life goals.

I believe, the harder you work for something, the greater you will feel when you achieve it.

BIRTHDAY WISHES



Tumulike Mwizi Pamoja Campaign

Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company has launched a *Tumulike Mwizi Pamoja Campaign* aimed at reducing commercial losses occasioned by water theft through illegal water and sewer connections and discharge of waste water at undesignated discharge points. The campaign is aimed at educating customers and the general public of the penalties that accrue from the vice and encouraging them to report such cases to the company or the police. The campaign which is being led by the Communications & Public Relations Office in conjunction with the Security& Investigations Office, Pro Poor Office, Customer Care Office, Customer Relations Office as well as the Business Development and Marketing Office covers the whole of NYEWASCO's service area with a concentration in the low-income areas where this vice is commonly found.

Did you know that water theft through illegal connections or meter by-passes, self- connection after cut off for non- payment is a criminal offence punishable by law? The following penalties applies:

- 1. ILLEGAL CONNECTION: Commercial, Industry, Construction fraud- Sh. 100,000 plus estimated consumption during the period of illegality.
- 2. ILLEGAL WATER CONNECTION FRAUD DOMESTIC- Sh.30,000.
- 3. SELF CONNECTION after cut off for non-payment Sh. 5000 and billing backdated from date of cut off.

These penalties have been set by Water Services Regulatory Board (The Kenya Gazette No. 2188) to deter water theft and failure to pay may lead to a jail term.

Currently, one person who was involved in water theft has been caught by our security & investigation department whose mandate is to weed out the vice. He was arrested and taken to Central Police Station where he was booked and is out on cash bail. He is required to pay for the penalty and billing backdated from the date of cut off. The total sum has escalated way above what he owed before the illegal connection and failure to pay will lead to criminal charges being brought against him. It is not worth the trouble. Get a legitimate water connection to avoid these penalties. Our team is on the ground verifying all water and sewer connections.

We urge our customers to report to us any case of water theft, illegal water and sewer connections, illegal discharge of waste water in un-designated points, meter vandalism and theft to the nearest police station or to us through the following communication channels:

- 1. Facebook@waternyeri
- 2. Twitter@water_nyeri
- 3. Toll free phone number 0800721095
- 4. Phone number 0734 732 481/ 0714 430 000

Email info@nyewasco.co.ke

Let's stop mwizi together. Help us serve you better.

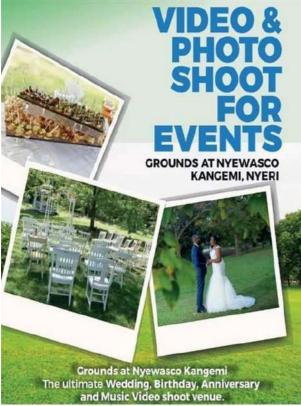


NYEWASCO NEW PRICE LIST FOR PRODUCTS & SERVICES WITH EFFECT FROM 01/07/ 2020.

SN	ITEM	UNIT	NEW CHARCES(Vah.)
1	Educational visits	Per Visit	CHARGES(Ksh.) 10,000.00
	(Colleges and	T CT VISIT	10,000.00
	Universities)		
2	Educational visits	Per Visit	6,000.00
	(Primary Schools)		
3	Photo Session	Per Visit	3,000.00
4	Music Video Shooting	Per Visit	3,000.00
	8		
5	Labour Charges for	Per Plumber/	1,000.00
	Plumbers	per day	
6	Ilina of NDW	Don	5 000 00
6	Hire of NRW	Per Machine/	5,000.00
	Management Equipment	per Day	
	Equipment	per Bay	
7	Leak Detection	Per Day	5,000.00
8	Butt Fusing of Pipes	200mm	4,500.00
	(Per Joint)	110mm	4,000.00
		90mm	3,500.00
		75mm	3,000.00
		63mm	1,000.00
9	Eco-Friendly Manure	Tonne	500
10	Empty 45 kg Containers	1	500
	(Kamakwa Treatment		
	Plant)		











Our Services:

The laboratory offers sampling and testing services from various water sources as follows:

- Drinking Water E.g. treated piped water, bottled water etc.
- Surface Water E.g. Rivers, streams, dams, etc.
- Ground Water E.g. Boreholes, wells, springs etc.
- Mineral Water E.g. Bottled water etc.
- Deionize Water
- Effluent Water E.g. Raw sewage and final effluents

Our lab also serves as National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) reference lab

