

# FCDC Weekly Media Monitoring Report: Friday, August 11, 2023.

## NEWS ON A COUNTRY

### [Porridge for education program credited with higher retention rates in Isiolo, Samburu and Garissa \(KBC\)](#)

The 'Porridge for Education' programme has been hailed as a major game changer resulting in higher enrollment and retention of pupils. The programme is currently being piloted among learners in Grades 1, 2 and 3 in Isiolo, Samburu and Garissa by the Ministry of Education, through the National Council for Nomadic Education in Kenya (NACONEK).

### [Lamu Port extends special user tariffs to 2024 \(The Star\)](#)

Shipping lines and traders using Lamu Port will enjoy special tariffs until May 2024 as part of Kenya Ports Authority's strategy to market the new harbour. This is in the wake of the low number of ships and cargo being handled at the facility, since its commissioning by former President Uhuru Kenyatta, in May 2021. To date, just above 20 ships have docked at Kenya's second major seaport, which the government is targeting to make it a transshipment hub.

### [Terror IDPs in Lamu decry government's neglect \(The Star\)](#)

The Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Lamu County have decried being neglected by the government. For more than three months, the IDPs have been staying at Juhudi Primary School after they fled their rural homes due to increased cases of terror attacks by the al Shabaab militants in the region. At least 200 families are still pitching camp at the school in Lamu West with others reported to have migrated to urban centres where they are temporarily living.

### [Mandera Aims To Give Anti-Cholera Jabs To 176,000 Residents \(KNA\)](#)

The Mandera County government has initiated an Oral Cholera Vaccination Campaign with the goal of reaching at least 175,575 individuals in Mandera East Sub County. Governor Mohamed Kalif stated that the vaccination campaign is in response to the ongoing cholera outbreak that has affected Mandera East for the past seven months.

### [Samburu County Government has initiated a relief food program targeting the most affected families \(KBC Channel 1\)](#)

Samburu County Government has initiated a relief food program that targets the most affected families by the ongoing droughts.

### [Wajir starts solar project to address frequent power outages \(The Star\)](#)

The Wajir government has started a programme to promote the use of solar energy. The county has abundant sunshine, which offers limitless potential for solar energy. The programme was launched on Thursday. Governor Ahmed Abdullahi said the time had come for the county to fully harness

solar and make it an alternative source of energy. The programme will be spearheaded by the Department of Energy and Mining.

## **OTHER**

### [US military conducts operations in Lamu against al Shabaab \(The Star\)](#)

The US military staged a high-level military operation at Magogoni Airfield in Lamu County to counter the threat posed by al Shabaab. According to a statement issued on Saturday, the US Defense Visual Information Distribution Service (DVIDS) said the high-stakes operation was carried out jointly by the US Army and Air Force, under the 475th Expeditionary Air Base Squadron.

### [Samburu North MP Calls for Sustained Dialogue Among Conflicting Communities in the Region \(Opera News\)](#)

Samburu North member of parliament Hon. Eli Letipila has urged the government to call for dialogue among the conflicting communities in the north-eastern region. According to the MP, his office has been relentless in promoting sustained dialogue among the conflicting communities in the area which has worked well for the past year.

### [New Stabilization Centre Launched In Kerio Delta \(KNA\)](#)

County Chief Officer for Medical Services Dr. Gilchrist Lokoel presided over the launch of a Stabilisation centre at Kerio in Turkana Central Sub-County on Wednesday. As part of the Emergency Integrated Health and Nutrition Outreaches (EIHNO) project, the stabilisation centre has undergone successful renovation and is baby-friendly. It aims to address severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) cases with complications.

### [Wajir leaders lead sensitization campaign to reclaim drylands in the region \(KTN News Kenya\)](#)

Wajir leaders lead sensitization campaign to reclaim drylands in the region <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DGY6gJstg>

## **POLITICS**

### [Marsabit Governor Nominates New Municipal Board Chair As Former Official Still Missing \(citizen.digital\)](#)

Marsabit Governor Mohamud Mohammed Ali has proposed Adan Wario for appointment as the new Chairperson of the Marsabit Municipality Board. The official statement was communicated to the Members of County Assembly by Speaker Edin Wario during the resumption of the House business on Wednesday.

### [Tana River leaders clash over Azimio, Kenya Kwanza talks \(The Star\)](#)

Three leaders from Tana River have clashed over the manner in which the bipartisan talks should proceed. The three, Tana River Deputy Governor Mahat Loka (ODM), Galole MP Said Hirbae

(ODM) and former Tana River woman representative Rehema Hassan (UDA) were speaking in Madogo at the residence of the deputy governor during the wedding ceremony of his son.

#### [Turkana ready to host Senate sittings in September, officials say \(standardmedia.co.ke\)](http://standardmedia.co.ke)

The county government of Turkana is ready to stage the Senate plenary and committee sittings slated for September 25-29. A team, led by Senate Clerk Jeremiah Nyegenye visited the county assembly in Lodwar where the sittings will be held and reported that it is satisfied with the preparations.

#### [Legislators challenge Wajir women to seek elective positions \(standardmedia.co.ke\)](http://standardmedia.co.ke)

The Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA) has challenged women in Wajir to seek leadership positions. KEWOPA chairperson Leah Sankaire and area Woman Representative Fatuma Jehow, while on a sensitization tour of the region, said there is a need to have more women in leadership as a way of promoting gender equality.

### **ECONOMY**

#### [Al-Shabaab attacks paralysing businesses, Lamu traders say \(ntvkenya.co.ke\)](http://ntvkenya.co.ke)

Lamu traders have decried a decline in business activities in the region due to recurrent Al-Shabaab terror attacks. The traders say tourists no longer visit the region as often as they used to due to insecurity cases in the area. "Terrorist attacks have affected businesses in this region, especially the tourism sector. No one loves going where there are cases of insecurity," a businessman said.