



**TALKING POINTS FOR H E SUSAN
KIHKA, NAKURU COUNTY
GOVERNOR, DURING AN
EMPOWERMENT MEETING AT
LONGONOT ECDE, LONGONOT ON 17TH
FEBERUARY, 2026**

Your Excellency, Prof Kithure Kindiki, Deputy
President of the Republic of Kenya,

Honourable leaders present;

Our hardworking wananchi of Longonot and
Naivasha;

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good afternoon.

1. Your Excellency, we are honoured to host you here in Longonot. Your presence affirms the strong partnership between the National Government and Nakuru County in delivering real empowerment to our people.
2. As a County Government, we made a firm promise: that development must move from

speeches to practical empowerment. Today, we are demonstrating that commitment through deliberate investment in enterprise, youth empowerment, cooperatives, and skills development. Our focus is simple — put money in the hands of wananchi, grow local businesses, and create sustainable livelihoods.

3. In Nakuru County, Your Excellency, we have deliberately aligned our development agenda with this national vision. Under my leadership, we resolved early on that empowerment must not be postponed. If the National Government is investing in youth and SMEs, then the County Government must match that energy with action. That is why, in May 2025, we launched the Nakuru County Wezesha Fund—a Sh100 million kitty comprising the Nakuru County Enterprise Fund and Nakuru County Cooperative Revolving Development to offer low-interest credit line to our Saccos, entrepreneurs, youth, and women.
4. Your Excellency, through the Nakuru County Enterprise Fund, we are gradually—and systematically—removing barriers that have

historically locked out small traders, youth groups, women groups, and grassroots entrepreneurs from accessing affordable capital. The fund prioritizes ease of access, minimal bureaucracy, and real impact. The results are already visible. Between June and July 2025, the first batch of 66 groups received a total of Sh11.2 million. These included boda associations, mama mboga groups, youth-led enterprises, and small traders who had never before accessed formal government financing.

5. Today, many are expanding their businesses, increasing stock, creating jobs, and operating with renewed confidence. In September 2025, the second phase followed with an approval of Sh14.1 million. Already, 32 groups have received Sh 5.1 million as disbursement continues. This is empowerment in real terms—money in pockets, goods on shelves, and hope in households.
6. Through the Cooperative Revolving Development Fund, Your Excellency, over Sh 47 million has been disbursed to cooperatives—supporting dairy farmers,

transporters, housing cooperatives, traders, and agribusiness groups. From Naxwest Riders Sacco in Nakuru West, to dairy farmers in Molo, Kuresoi, and Olenguruone. From housing cooperatives to cereal promoters, farmers, transporters, and traders. Picture this, Your Excellency. When a dairy cooperative in Molo receives Sh5 million, that is not just a figure on paper. That is school fees paid on time. That is milk chilling equipment bought. That is farmers getting fair prices. That is dignity restored. When a housing cooperative in Nakuru West accesses funding, that is families moving from rentals to home ownership. That is security. That is pride. These cooperatives are creating jobs, stabilizing incomes, and keeping money circulating within our communities.

7. Your Excellency, here in Mai Mahiu Ward, the following groups have received funds from the County Enterprise Fund. Maai Mahiu ward
 - Mega SHG – Sh200,000
 - Good Luck Sand Harvesters – Sh200,000
 - Vine SHG – Sh200,000,

- New Haraka Sand Harvesting & Loading -Sh200,000,
 - Rale Environment and Sand SHG – Sh200,000,
 - Skyline Ventures SHG –Sh200,000,
 - Mamas Maai Mahiu WG – Sh200,000
8. To further strengthen youth livelihoods, Nakuru County has set aside Sh 30 million for a dedicated Boda Boda Fund, with full implementation scheduled this. Our boda boda riders are not a problem to be managed; they are an economic force to be empowered. This initiative focuses on safety, structure, enterprise growth, and financial stability. Equally, we have in a place an enabling business environment including a Singe Business Permit which is approved in less than an hour on application.
9. In conclusion, Your Excellency, I want to assure you that as a County Government, we are committed that every shilling we disburse must tell a story of impact. And we are continuously improving our processes to ensure inclusivity, transparency, and speed.

We thank you for believing in counties as partners.

Thank you.

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