



## **COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF WEST POKOT**

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**H.E. Hon. SIMON K. KACHAPIN, CBS, EGH Governor, WEST POKOT COUNTY.  
Patron, West Pokot County Agricultural Show & Trade Fair 2023**

The Deputy Governor,  
County Executive Committee Members Present,  
The Speaker,  
Hon. Members of West Pokot County Assembly,  
Chief Officers Present,  
County Commissioner,  
Directors Present,  
Religious leaders,  
Exhibitors  
Farmers and  
All other distinguished guests,

**Ladies & gentlemen,**

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to mark the end of West Pokot County Agricultural Show & Trade Fair - 2023. I also take this opportunity to welcome all visitors to West Pokot County—"The Land of Hidden Treasures". The County is endowed with fertile soils and favourable climate suitable for most crops. This positions our County strategically in terms of its overall contribution to the national food security. Agriculture is the main driver of our economy and contributes significantly in terms of income generation and employment creation. This Agricultural show is therefore an important event that provides an opportunity for farmers, traders, marketing agents and other service providers to access modern farming technologies,



establish business linkages and promote Agribusiness for increased Agriculture productivity, wealth and employment creation.

The County of West Pokot recognizes the significant role that the agricultural sector plays in meeting the national objectives of employment creation, food security, poverty reduction and industrial transformation that are necessary drivers for economic growth. This is also geared towards achieving the county's vision of being a food secure and wealthy county anchored on an innovative, commercially oriented and competitive agriculture, rural & urban development sector.

Farmers face numerous challenges such as increase in population leading to decreasing land sizes, climate change leading to prolonged drought and weather changes, inadequate access to markets, equipment and resources.

### **Ladies & Gentlemen,**

One of the key aspects of a better future for our farmers is advanced technology. My Government, through the Department of Agriculture has initiated and achieved the following projects, aimed towards enhanced innovations and technologies which include;

- ✓ Promotion of appropriate & affordable fertilizers in partnership with the national government
- ✓ Promotion of avocado for food, income & increasing tree cover which will then help in mitigating against the adverse effects of Climate change,
- ✓ Promotion of greenhouse crop production & conservation agriculture.
- ✓ Development of farmers database (E.g. In the just ended farmer registration exercise where 91,077 farmers were registered including all enterprises e.g. Livestock, Crops etc. The data will inform key decision making going forward.
- ✓ Promoting urban & peri-urban farming by the use of multi storey gardens
- ✓ Water harvesting for small holder farmers
- ✓ Use of free Certified seeds
- ✓ In addition, enterprise diversification has been up scaled to enhance farmers' income throughout the year as well as building resilience especially in view of



the imminent risks posed by Climate Change. This involves promotion of drought tolerant Maize varieties, fruit trees, Green grams, Sorghum & Finger Millet.

Similarly, in the livestock sub sector, projects under implementation include;

- ✓ Improved local poultry
- ✓ Livestock Feed processing and formulation
- ✓ Dairy genetic improvement (by offering free A.I services)
- ✓ Promoting Milk pasteurization & Packing in Siyoi Ward.
- ✓ Livestock disease control (acaricide support)
- ✓ Routine & rapid vaccination of animals e.g. the ongoing Vaccination against Foot & Mouth Disease- FMD, Rabies which is currently ongoing in affected areas across the County.
- ✓ Cattle dip renovations and assorted Livestock feed establishment.

### **Ladies & Gentlemen,**

As a sign of my Government's commitment, I recently commissioned equipment, tools and materials to promote the above technologies. These include: -



S/no	ITEM	WARD	QUANTITY
1	Knapsack Spray Pumps	Masol	195
		Chepareria	60
		Riwo	60
2	Water Pumps	Masol	15
		Kapenguria	5
		Lomut	5
3	Dewormers	Masol	336 x 500mls
4	Antibiotics	Masol	528 x 250mls
5	Acaricides	Masol	576 x 100mls
		Chepareria	60 x 100mls
6	Chain Link	Mnagei	600 Rolls
7	PVC Water Pipes	Masol	1000 Pcs

**TABLE TWO: VACCINES**

S/no	VACCINES	QUANTITIES (Doses)
1	Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP)	200,000
2	Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia (CCPP)	20,000
3	Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)	13,600
4	Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD)	74,000
5	Peste de Petits Ruminants (PPR)	50,000
6	Sheep and Goat Pox (S & G)	70,000
7	Black Quarter/Anthrax (BQ)	50,000



	TOTAL DOSES	477,600
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This kind of investment can only work for us if farmers reciprocate this gesture with hard work & embrace technology as promoted by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, otherwise the Investment we witnessed on Monday and in the past will count for nothing.

As I conclude, I wish to commend all exhibitors, the entire County Show steering committee chaired by the CEC- Wilfred Longronyang & the CO – Naomi Lemreng from the same department

I also extend special mention to the county technical show committee members, County departments and all those who contributed towards making this event a success. I urge all farmers and the business community including financial institutions to work closely with the County Government & take advantage of this occasion to create networks and linkages for business expansion.

Finally, I urge our visitors to take time and visit some of our attractive tourist destinations in the county.

Thank You

GOOD BLESS YOU ALL,

GOD BLESS OUR COUNTY

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