

Upgrade of key roads target for Bungoma

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Four key roads will be given priority for upgrade in a bid to open up the agriculture-rich Bungoma County.

They include the Chwele-Lwakhakha-Kopsiro road that serves Mt Elgon and parts of Sirisia.

The Misikhu-Naitiri-Ndalu road will also receive priority.

The roads serve areas that produce most of the food consumed in the county and elsewhere in the country.

Others to be prioritised are the Bumula-Buyofu and Sang'alo-Ekitale roads.

Reach the market

"We want to ensure that all parts of the county are accessible so that farm produce from rural areas is able to reach the market," Governor Ken Lusaka said.

Most roads in the county, he said, are in a poor state and are impassable during the rainy season.

The governor said funds

had also been allocated for the construction of early childhood development (ECD) classrooms and hiring of ECD teachers in public primary schools.

He said each ward will receive Sh3 million for bursaries for needy students, Sh2 million for youth empowerment, Sh100,000 for persons with disabilities, Sh888,888 for women empowerment and Sh444,444 for sports and talent development.

Mr Lusaka further said stalled factories, including the Malakisi cotton ginnery, will be revived through financial and technical support.

Mr Lusaka said enough money had been allocated towards agriculture to boost food security in the county.

"We want to have comprehensive food security programmes, which will ensure sustained production of all crops around the year," the governor said.

"We shall embrace irrigation to reduce overdependence on rain-fed agriculture," he said.

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