

# SEPUTIMES

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**SPECIAL EDITION**

## SEPU TRANSFORMS INTO SLIMC - (SCHOOL LEARNING AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTRE)



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua received by CEO SEPU Dr. Joel Mabonga and other dignitaries during the inauguration of the PWPER at CEMASTE A on 12th October, 2022

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METKEI GIRLS WINNERS OF CLASS 1042J

“Music uniquely transcends barriers, unites people, uplifts our spirits and create lasting memories”

Prof Muchiri Ng'ang'a  
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## Editor's Note



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This year Kenya Music Festivals was themed “Furthering of National Educational goals through the provision of Quality Science and Technology equipment in schools” this had a direct pointing at SEPU’s mandate which is to Design, Manufacture, Supply and Distribute Science materials and apparatus for education institutions owing to its vision to have a society with scientific habit of mind, skills and practice driven by modern science equipment. The unit also ensures accessibility and equity in distribution of materials to all schools in Kenya.

### THEME BACKGROUND

SEPU is well placed to facilitate the national agenda of getting most students to select science and Technology related courses. In nurturing learner’s potential in sciences. SEPU aims to be the leader in “Furthering the National Education Goals through the provision of Science and Technology Equipment. This resonates well with this year festival theme, “Nurturing talents for innovation and Development”.

The co-curricular activities have provided the fora for music composers and poets to highlight and draw learners attention to important messages about country’s national agenda.

Equipment and materials are inseparable with the learning of science that is the message that underlies the relationship between SEPU and Kenya Music Festivals.

This years SEPU is sponsoring special composition presented under 1042J- English choral verse for secondary schools.



Teaching models produced by SEPU





## **KENYA MUSIC FESTIVAL NATIONALS AT DEDAN KIMATHI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**T**he 95th Edition of the annual National Kenya Music Festivals began on Friday August 11, 2023 with pomp and funfare at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology in Nyeri county.

This year's festival attracted more than 130,000 students from public and private schools as well as Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE), TVETs, TTC and Universities.

Students from various technical training institutes, polytechnics and universities showcased their talents during the annual event which took place under the theme Nurturing talent for Innovation and Development.

According to the Kenya Music Festival National Executive committee Chairman, Prof Fredrick Ngala, the event is the largest arts and cultural event in the academic calendar and is aimed at not only creating holistic learners in and out of the classroom environment but also providing an avenue for participants to nurture their talents.

The festivals have been held annually since 1928, with the exception of 2020 and 2021, when the event was suspended due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Prof. Ngala noted that the country had witnessed exponential growth in the number of participants as well as competition categories for adjudication.

It begins at the sub-county level, then moves to county, then regional and lastly National levels. Averagely 3 million people have been engaged during this festival this year from the sub-county level. The participation overwhelming with the representation of students from different parts of the country, where pupils draw from pre-primary all the way to university.

This year School Equipment Production Unit sponsored an English Choral Verse Class 1042J themed, "Furthering of National Educational goals through the provision of Quality Science and Technology Equipment in schools".



The presentations were thrilling. The adjudicators settled on Metkei Girls as this year's National winners followed by Bunyore Girls.



## METKEI GIRLS IT IS

**M**etkei Girls Secondary school from Elgeyo Marakwet, Rift valley region are this years' National Kenya Music Festival champions of English Choral verse class 1042J securing a date for Gala.

"It is God", said Mrs. Rosemary Kuto, the school Principal amid giggles.

This category was sponsored by School Equipment Production Unit whose mandate and the theme resonated well.



Schools from other regions put - up spirited fight in battling for the winners position.

Pomp, color,glamour, power and humour were witnessed as different schools took the stage to show - case their pieces.

Our saviour, white gloves, generous giver were some of the titles swung referring to SEPU.

Indeed, equipment and materials are inseparable with the learning of Science.



Dedan Kimathi University's hall 6 had contestants, judges, facilitators, some officials and SEPU team donned in SEPU branded t - shirts, SEPU elephantly stamping it's feet.



SEPU boss - Dr. Joel Mabonga, Board of Directors Chairman, Dr. Patrick Kiliku and other SEPU team were in attendance. Bravo team SEPU.





## Rift Valley Region Music Festivals at Maasai Mara University, Narok

**T**he 95th Edition of the Kenya Music Festivals(Rift Valley Region) kicked off on July 15, 2023 at Maasai Mara University in Narok County. Learners from both Primary and secondary schools gathered to the Outfit to showcase their talents to the judges assigned This year's event attracted more than 15,000 participants and beared a mother theme of nurturing talent for innovation and national development. During the official opening of the competition, the Rift Valley Regional Director of Education who also doubles as the Regional Music Festivals patron underscored the importance of music and further reitorated that it communicates critical messages. School Equipment Production Unit sponsored a choral verse class 1042J themed "Furthering of National Educational Goals Through the Provision of Quality Science and Technology Equipment in schools".

SEPU Board Member Mr. Andrew Gesora Nyakundi was also in attendance to oversee the presentations.



The Winners from this region were Maai Mahiu Boys from Nakuru who scooped 88marks while number two went to Metkei Girls who managed 87 marks.



## **Central Region Music Festivals at Nyahururu Boys High school.**

Curtains for the Central Region music festivals which took place at Nyahururu boys Secondary school in Nyandarua County dropped on Sunday July 15, 2023. This years regional festivals attracted 40,000 participants from the five counties of Kiambu, Kirinyaga, Murang'a, Nyandarua and Nyeri.

The schools that qualified at the county level are the ones that battled it out at the regional level with adjudicators in different categories judging their presentations.

This edition attracted a total of 10 participants with St. Joseph high school Githuri scooping the winners trophy with 88 marks followed closely by Dr. Babla Girls Secondary school with 87 marks. School Equipment Production Unit trio of Dr. Solomon Ngahu (Board Member) Madam Susan Mutavi(Supply Chain) and Madam Trizah Korir( H/R) presented trophies to this leading bunch and gave a brief presentation on SEPU's product and services.



## **North Eastern Music Festivals in Wajir county**

Wajir Girls High School played host to this year's North Eastern Kenya Music Festivals championship which began on 6th and ended on 9th August 2023. This edition attracted only 2 participants with Waso Girls day secondary school emerging the winners with 80 marks and Banisa mixed Secondary-School running up with 79 marks. SEPU having sponsored class 1042J



had Mr. Lawrence Karuntimi(BoD member), Torah Mayaka and Mr. Titus Musili in representation.

The trio put across the message SEPU was playing in enhancing teaching and learning experiences through the provision of quality science materials.



## COASTAL REGION MUSIC FESTIVALS, KWALE COUNTY

Coastal Region Kenya Music Festival championship reached its finale on July 18, 2023 at Mvindenyi Social Hall in Kwale county. School Equipment Production Unit sponsored a Choral Verse Class 1042J which saw SEPU officers keep keen eyes on its presentations.



with the Mighty Shimo la Tewa High School emerging the winners with 90 marks as Jomvu Girls High School scooped the second position with 88 marks. School Equipment Production Unit Board Chairperson, Dr. Patrick Musyoka, Nicholas Mzuri ( Head of Accounts- SEPU) and Nick Rono (Procurement Officer- SEPU) presented trophies to the winners and runners up.

This years' theme for the Music Festivals is "Furthering of National Goals Through the Provision of Quality Science and Technology Equipment in schools". The event had participants drawn from both primary and secondary schools withinn coast region.





## **Eastern Region Music Festivals at Kangaru Boys High School**

Kangaru Boys High School hosted Kenya Music Festival regional championship(Eastern Edition)

The festival opened its doors on 6th and closed its curtains on 11th July, 2023.



This years' Eastern Edition was graced by SEPU Board member Director Justus Kiunga, Mr. Gilbert Mukuusi and Mr. Fredrick Seda.



Director Kiunga later presented to Kaaga Girls of Meru who emerged the winners with 90 marks with the winning trophy followed by Matungulu Girls from Machakos with 89 points emerging as runners up.

## **Nyanza Region Music Festivals**

Nyanza Region Kenya Music Festival championship closed its curtains on July 14, 2023 at Migori Teachers Training College. The four day event saw School Equipment Production Unit sponsor an English Choral Verse under Class 1042J and had its officers on the look out for its presentations. Nyanza region attracted a total of 11 schools in participation.

However due to political unrest that led to demonstration led to the rescheduling and delay of the event. Nyakach Girls from Kisumu county trained by Mr. Peter Oyombe emerged the Winners of this Edition with 88 marks, followed by Aluor Girls from Siaya county with 86 marks.



Other schools that participated included Ngiya Girls from Siaya, Koru girls, Migori boys, St. Mark Obambo among others.

Mr Philip Onyango and Mr Hillary Kibunja of SEPU presenting trophies to the winner and runners up.



## Western Region Music Festivals

Bunyore Girls High school are the current Western Region class 1042J Kenya Music Festival champions with 89 marks followed closely by Cardinal Otunga Girls from Bungoma with 87 marks.

The competition which closed its curtains today July 18, 2023 was graced by SEPU boss Dr. Joel Mabonga who personally delivered the winning trophy to the winners and the runners-up of the Choral Verse that was SEPU sponsored. Other SEPU officials in attendance included Mr. Allan Akwabi Weche(Sales Head) and Mr. Robin Momanyi(Stores Department).



## Nairobi Region Music Festivals

School Equipment Production Unit Board of Directors Duo of Dr. Hassan Mohammed and Director Dorcas Kimwetich present trophies to Winner, Parklands Arya Girls High School and Runners up, Precious Blood Girls Riruta of Choral Verse class 1042J earlier today July 11, 2023 at Ofafa Jericho High School.



This was at the close of curtains for the Kenya Music Festival Nairobi Chapter championship.

This year's theme of the competition "Furthering of National Educational Goals through the Provision of Quality Science and Technology Equipment in Schools" saw SEPU sponsor the 1042J class.



## **PWPER RECOMMENDATIONS ON SEPU's NEW MANDATE**

- The Prof. Munavu led Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms recommended some of the following to be SEPU's new mandate;

1. Restructure of SEPU to School Learning and Instructional Materials Centre (SLIMC) to coordinate the procurement and distribution of MoE approved textbooks and other learning resources.
2. Train publishers and digital content creators on the development of quality content for both regular and SNE learners.
3. SLIMC to procure for digital resources hosted in Kenya Education Cloud (KEC).
4. Formulate guidelines on textbooks and curriculum support materials to ensure the best two evaluated textbooks by KICD are supplied to each school.

The center shall be a semi-autonomous government agency within the State Department Basic Education with the following membership: State Department for Basic Education, Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, Kenya National Examination Council, Kenya Teacher Training College, National Treasury and Private Schools Association.

This is the transformation from SEPU into School Learning and Instructional Material Centre (SLIMC).

### **Some of SEPU key services**



**Conversion of empty classroom into a laboratory**



### ABOUT US

School Equipment Production Unit is a Government Agency under the Ministry of Education with a mandate to design, produce and distribute science equipment, teaching, and learning aids for all educational institutions.

A. SEPU has designed and produced a low-cost Mobile laboratory to support teaching and learning in learning Institutions.

The Mobile costs Kshs. 200, 000.00 SEPU will deliver to schools at an agreeable rate depending on distance.



Mobile laboratory bench designed and produced by SEPU

B. SEPU has also designed and produced Integrated Science Kit for Grade 7.

The science kit contains most of the apparatus and chemicals needed to perform most activities/experiments suggested in the Grade 7 School Curriculum Designs.

C. SEPU has also designed and produced; Pre-Technical Kits and accompanying manual for Grade 7,8, & 9

Health Education Kit and accompanying manual for Grade 7,8, & 9

The Integrated Science Kit costs Kshs. 77,000.00 SEPU will deliver to schools at an agreeable rate depending on distance.

D. In addition, SEPU undertakes the following activities for educational institutions;

- a) Conversion of classrooms into laboratories
- b) Stocks and sales school laboratory chemicals, Apparatus, and Glassware's

c) Fabricates a wide range of institutional furniture such as Student Lockers and chairs, Double Decker beds, etc.



Hon Kimani Ichung'wa receives lockers supplied by SEPU in Gitiba Primary School

d) Wooden Geometrical construction apparatus such as compass, Protractors, Dividers etc.

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Western region KMF contestants on stage



winning team receiving their trophy



Participants peeping to have a glance of the festivities



Dr. Patrick Kiliku, Mr. Nicholas Mzuri and Nicholas Ronoh with Coast region winners



SEPU-CEO Dr. Joel Mabonga keenly follows the proceedings at Lwanya Girls high school



Mr. Philip Onyango issuing a trophy to KMF official



Participants getting ready



Director Justus Kiunga, Mr. Gilbert Mukuusi and Fredrick Seda pose with the trophy

Lovers of the annual Kenya Music Festivals (KMF) were treated to a new class of Music during the 95th Kenya Music Festival held at Dedan Kimathi University of Science and Technology in Nyeri county. The 13-day festival kicked off on Thursday, August 11.