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# SEPU TIMES



## SEPU UNVEILS JUNIOR SCHOOL SCIENCE KIT FOR GRADE 7,8,9

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# Editor's Note

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**Dear Esteemed Colleagues, Partners, Stakeholders and Friends of the School Equipment Production Unit,**

**As the sun shines brightly here in Nairobi, so too does the spirit of Production, innovation and dedication to service within our unit.**

**This edition of our newsletter brings you a glimpse into the tireless efforts underway to equip our schools with the essential tools that empower young minds and shape the future of our nation.**

**We've been hard at work refining existing designs and exploring new, sustainable solutions to meet the evolving needs of our educational landscape. Inside, you'll find updates on our latest production advancements, including [The Launch of grade 7 - 9 Junior School Science kit, partnerships with Koitaleel University among others NG-CDF roll outs there in.**

**Beyond production, we believe in fostering a strong community. This newsletter also highlights recent training workshop for staff on Financial Management . This initiative and the demonstrations on the usage, safety of our equipment underscore our commitment to not just providing equipment, but also ensuring its effective integration into the learning process.**

**Looking ahead, we are energized by the challenges and opportunities that lie before us. We remain steadfast in our mission to provide high-quality, affordable, and locally relevant educational resources to every school in Kenya.**

**Your continued support, feedback, and collaboration are invaluable to achieving this vision.**

**Thank you for being an integral part of the School Equipment Production Unit's journey. Together, we are building a brighter future, one equipped classroom at a time.**

**Warmly,**

**Ronny Wakukha Katamo**

**School Equipment Production Unit**



# SEPU UNVEILS JUNIOR SCHOOL SCIENCE KIT FOR GRADE 7,8,9

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It was pomp, bomb and color as School Equipment Production Unit unveiled Junior School Science kit for grades 7,8 and 9 during the 2024 KEPSHA annual AGM and conference at Sheikh Khalifa children Welfare Centre in Mombasa on November 5, 2024.

The kit will enhance teaching and learning of Integrated science, Pre-technical studies, Health and Agriculture in Junior school curriculum offering a timely solution to CBC which puts emphasis on experiential learning.

Some of the dignitaries who witnessed the launch included the Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service in the Executive Office of the President, Felix K. Koskei, the Principal Secretary, Basic Education, Ministry of Education, Dr. Richard Belio Kipsang, the Secretary General of Kenya National Union of Teachers, Mr. Collins Oyuu, KEPSHA National Chairman, Mr. Johnson Nzioka among others.

SEPU CEO, Dr. Joel Mabonga sensitised the more than 12,000 heads of Institutions in attendance about SEPU, the products and services the Unit offers before presiding the show stopping launch.

The kit launched will give SEPU a life line through it's uptake as the government rolls out grade 9 class in 2025, a key transition to Kenyan learners in the CBC curriculum.

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# NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIRPERSON

## SEPU RECEIVES THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIRPERSON

Hon. Elisha Kipkorir Busienei, the newly appointed Chairperson of the School Equipment Production Unit (SEPU) Board of Directors, visited SEPU for an introductory tour on November 13th, 2024. The orientation was led by the Unit's CEO, Dr. Joel Mabonga, who guided the Chairperson through various departments, providing a comprehensive overview of SEPU's operations, products, and ongoing projects aimed at enhancing educational resources across the country.



This underscored the organisation's commitment to supporting quality education through the provision of vital learning materials, particularly in STEM.

The new Chairperson expressed enthusiasm for the Unit's mission and pledged full support for its initiatives to meet the evolving educational needs of Kenyan schools.



# KOITALEL LAB INSTALLATION



The university management, led by Chief Academic Registrar Mr. Ngigi, Madam Sheilla (Procurement), and the Dean of Students, expressed their appreciation for the continued partnership.

Koitalel Samoei University College has been a key client since SEPU initiated the lab installations last year.

The second and final batch of materials, which will fully equip the labs, is scheduled for delivery next week.

## **\*SEPU Commences Delivery of Science Lab Materials to Koitalel Samoei University College\***

**On 4th April 2025, the SEPU team delivered the first batch of essential science learning materials to Koitalel Samoei University College in Mosoriot town. The team, comprising Mr. Vincent Nyagaka (Marketing), Mr. Pius Kimeli (Stores), and Mr. Nicasio Njue (Logistics) successfully facilitated the delivery aimed at equipping three science laboratories previously constructed by SEPU.**





# PERFORMANCE CONTACTING SCORE

## SEPU IMPROVES ON PERFORMANCE CONTRACT SCORE

Mr. Maurice Raryeah (front row in a black tie), SEPU CEO, Dr. Joel Mabonga, Ms Fransisca Kirigha and other SEPU technical committee members pose for the lens after a day long performance contract evaluation exercise that took place at SEPU boardroom on Jan 22, 2025. The government adopted Performance Contracting as its flagship tool for performance management in its endeavour to improve service delivery in the public service

Institutionalisation of performance contracting in the public service is expected to accelerate achievement of the government's priorities outlined in the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda. (BETA) four key contract performance metrics include cost, punctuality, reliability and consistent quality. "SEPU is one of the most improved institutions," said Raryeah from Public Service Performance Management Unit. (PSPMU).







**FA Simon Wafubwa, Managing Director of Enwealth Financial Services Limited, an affiliation of Institute of Certified Investment and Financial Analysis (ICIFA) which is a government agency under National Treasury breaks the financial glass ceiling during personal financial management training programme conducted on November 12, 2024 at SEPU staffroom.**

**"Know the Purpose of money is the starting point around money," said Wafubwa during his opening remarks.**

**ICIFA provides region - wide network and promotes the role of the profession in the fields of Investments, financial analysis, pension funds, asset management, investments, financial advisory among others. In a nut- shell ICIFA provides skilled and competitive professional expertise in all sectors in the investment and finance industry.**

**SEPU staff were taken through pillars of successful retirement, maintaining cash flow, planning, budgeting, debt management among other key financial trainings.**



# BUSINEES PROCESS RE-ENGINEERING



**Ms Jackline Otworu from Public Service Reforms (PSR) addresses SEPU team during the Kick off of Business process re-engineering workshop at Masada hotel in Naivasha, Nakuru county on January 27, 2025. The workshop intended to radically redesign the business processes to achieve dramatic improvements in productivity, cycle times, quality and employee and customer satisfaction. BPR helps to streamline, processes, eliminate bottlenecks and reduce waste resulting in a more efficient and productive Unit. It significantly reduces delays and errors.**



# SEPU MEETS SOUTH SUDAN

Rev. John Chol Daau, an Anglican priest from the Diocese of Bor (Episcopal Church of South Sudan) and the Director General for Vocational Training, tries his hand on a mobile laboratory bench during a demonstration on its components at SEPU showroom on Feb 28, 2025.

Reverend Daau was accompanied by Eng. Hagos Tadesse who has a keen interest in the education sector in South Sudan.

We came to experiment, learn and seek collaboration with SEPU.

Where we are(S. Sudan), the ratio of schools with and without laboratories is 1:10," said Bishop.

The Duo were taken to a tour around SEPU, through a skeleton of operations beginning from the metal workshop through to the Show room.

Besides his role in National government, Rev. Daau is also the Founder of Good Shepherd Academy, college and a seminary.

**#SEPU- Providers of Quality Science Equipment and Learning Materials.**



*"True partnership isn't about dividing the work—it's about doubling the strength, sharing the vision, and growing together through every challenge."*





# SEPU WORKSHOP

**SEPU CEO, Dr. Joel Mabonga offers his remarks and highlights during day 1 of Board of Directors and Management team workshop at Lake Naivasha Resort on August 29, 2024.**

**Among the agenda items during the workshop included policies which in turn shall provide guidance, consistency, accountability, efficiency and clarity on modus operandi of the Unit**



**Several Policy drafters presented policies to SEPU Board of Directors and Management for review, comments and probable amendments which formed the basis of the workshop which concluded its day 1 with a review of SEPU Work Plan.**







## UNIVERSITY DON VISITS SEPU

**Prof. Winston Jumba Akala, the Principal Koitaleel Samoei University college, a constituent college of University of Nairobi puts his pen to paper while his SEPU counterpart Dr. Joel Mabonga looks on during his courtesy call to assess SEPUs' capacity for laboratory works on September 4, 2024.**

**The Nandi County based institution has a population of about 934 students and prides in offering practical skills that are relevant to the job market. They also offer flexible learning options and provide opportunities for practical experience.**

**The two institutions seek partnership and collaboration.**

***"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."***

# KPSA LUNCHEON



SEPU participated in this year's Kenya Private Schools Association (KPSA) luncheon at KICD headquarters, Nairobi, showcasing its innovative educational products and services. Led by Madam Jane Mwai, Mr. Vincent Nyagaka, and Madam Damaris Wanjiru, the SEPU team highlighted STEM kits, mobile laboratories, and CBC-aligned materials. This event follows two recent exhibitions at Kenya International Week (South C) and Sarit Expo Centre (Westlands), part of SEPU's efforts to broaden its reach. Notable guests included Madam Annie Kristensen, Director of CHANS Group of Schools (Intefelk Schools) in Kisumu, who expressed interest in SEPU's solutions. These initiatives underline SEPU's commitment to empowering educators and transforming education across Kenya.



A major milestone in science education was achieved in Manyatta Constituency as SEPU, in collaboration with NG-CDF, rolled out mobile laboratories to Junior Secondary Schools.

Speaking at the commissioning of seven mobile labs at Kihumbu Primary School, SEPU CEO Dr. Joel Mabonga reaffirmed SEPU's commitment to hands-on learning and teacher training to ensure full integration of the labs.



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## SEPU PARTNERS WITH MANYATTA CONSTITUENCY TO TRANSFORM SCIENCE EDUCATION WITH MOBILE LABS

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NG-CDF Board Member Elizabeth Kutundu emphasized that mobile labs are a cost-effective solution, providing schools with immediate access to well-equipped science facilities.

Manyatta MP Hon. Gitonga Mukunji announced an additional KES 20M allocation for 48 more mobile labs, ensuring every Junior Secondary School in the constituency benefits.

With this initiative, Manyatta students will now have access to quality science education, equipping them with essential STEM skills for the future!



# OF LEA-WARD SIDE

BY DERRICK OIMO  
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At the first cock crow on a Friday morning while other students headed to school, Opere grabbed his brown short and a tainted white shirt, and two fishing rods with rings and hooks attached to each, walked about 10 yards and was at the lake shore.

One of the fishing rods he named "dawe" what in Abandu land is referred to as "tawe". The other rod he called "okadogi" loosely translated as "I'm not going back. The rods were new and as skilled fisherman he wanted to be the first to land them on the promising warm waters of the lake and get the first catch before anyone else.

To Opere the names were symbolic. As a science student he swore never to go back to school until there was a laboratory in place fully equipped. So Opere sat his body on one of the soft rocks yonder.

He threw the first hook into the water, swirling it gently, he noticed the floater attached to it sink slowly underneath. This only happens when the catch is heavy. He swiftly lifted the rod up and to his amazement an about 5 kg tilapia flapped her tail in protest to the pains of the hook, thanks to his ancestors this was a big catch. As he lifted the second rod, he noticed an engine powered boat approaching the shore.

10 minutes later the boat docked. In it were three men dressed in blue shirts with a logo (SEPU) around the breast pocket. Inside the boat were two wooden boxes with four caster under each. The men enquired of Migingo JSS. Opere declared to them that he was a student at the school but left because the school had no science equipment. As he led them to the school holding rods on one hand and the fish on the other. Mr. Akwabi chuckled and revealed that the two wooden boxes were a mobile laboratory and a science kit. Akwabi told the young man that his worries were over and that henceforth learning science was going to be fascinating. Opere's eyes beamed with excitement as he handed the 5kg tilapia to Mr. Akwabi while they headed to school



# PICTORIAL

**SEPU CEO- DR JOEL MABONGA DURING THE LAUNCH OF  
MOBILE ANS SCIENCE KITS IN MANYATTA CONSTITUENCY**



**REV. JOHN CHOI , ENG. HAGOS TADESSE DURING THEIR VISIT TO SEPU**



**LEARNERS TRY THEIR HAND ON SEPU MOBILE  
LAB**



**SEPU CEO- DR JOEL MABONGA DURING  
KEPSHA CONFERENCE IN MOMBASA**



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**OLKALAU CONSTITUENCY CDF  
OFFICIALS ADMIRE THE COMPONENTS  
OF THE MOBILE LAB**



**MR. ALLAN WECHE(SEPU  
SALES) SENITISES KMF  
ADJUIDCATORS & TRAINERS**



**SEPU TEAM POSE FOR  
PHOTO AFTER BPR  
TRAINING IN NAIVASHA**

**SEPU TEAM POSE WITH PERFORMACE  
CONTRACT EVALUATION TEAM**

