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## SEPU sponsors English and Kiswahili choral verses at Kenya Music Festival



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# EDITOR'S NOTE

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**Talking of partnerships, through the Ministry of Education SEPU delivers Primary school Science kits to the entire Bungoma County under the Kenya Primary Learning Program (KPEEL). A program that is funded by world bank and sought to bridge the gap of inequalities in school participation and learning outcomes. it aimed to address three dimensions of equity in primary education that are critical for reducing learning achievements disparities across regions and learner groups. they are the overall levels of service provision and the need to align various reforms for delivering equitable learning outcomes. The participation and success of learners in lagging regions that require strengthened focus on the proximate determination of learning. And gender, the concern of girls still lagging behind in school participation. This and many more stay glued...**



# SEPU PARTNERS WITH KMF SPONSORING ENGLISH AND KISWAHILI CHORAL VERSES.

School Equipment Production Unit (SEPU) is sponsoring an English Choral Verse (class 2042 K) and a Kiswahili Ngonjera (class 2142K) in the ongoing Kenya Music Festival. The festival which dropped its curtains in May proceeds through various stages beginning from the preliminary (Zonal level), through to Sub - County, County, Regional and culminates at the National Festival which is slated to take place between 3rd - 14th August at Moi Girls Eldoret.

This annual talent development initiative is overseen by the Ministry of Education and regarded as the largest festival of its kind in East and Central Africa with over 600 competitive categories spanning from Music, dance and elocution. It attracts more than 3 million participants from educational institutions nationwide and serves as a platform to instill positive values and address societal issues among the youth.

With “Nurturing Innovation and Competencies towards Economic Opportunities in Science and Technology” as this years’ theme, SEPU enables a practical learning experience for students through the provision of quality standard Science and Technology equipment and materials.

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SEPU also converts classrooms into laboratories, fabricates a wide range of Institutional furniture such as student lockers, chairs, double - decker beds etc. It acts as a stockist of school laboratory chemicals, general apparatus and glassware.

The UNIT finds a partner in Kenya Music Festival to highlight in English Choral Verse speaking and Kiswahili Ngonjera, innovations and competencies in Science and Technology facilitated by SEPU's designing, Production and Supply of Science equipment, materials and laboratory chemicals to schools and colleges

SEPU officers present a trophy to Nairobi Region Winners during the ongoing Festival.

Other partners during this Festival include URAIA, Brooke East Africa, Teachers Service Commission, Kenya Wildlife Service, Anti Counterfeit Authority among others.

The creme de la creme of all the pieces from different categories of entries will eventually showcase their masterpieces to the President of the Republic of Kenya who doubles up as Kenya Music Festival Patron during a Gala at one of his residences

"We look forward to an exciting experience", said SEPU - CEO, Dr. Joel Mabonga during the flagging off of trophies for the regional championship.

## SEPU PRODUCTS AND SERVICES





# Nyanza region music festivals

The Nyanza Region Kenya Music Festival championship closed its curtains on July 14, 2024, at Arya Primary school. The two-day event saw SEPU sponsor a Kiswahili Ngonjera class 2142k and an English choral verse under class 2042k. The region attracted 14 participants for Kiswahili Ngonjera and 11 counterparts for the English choral verse. Moi Nyabohanse Girls High School from Migori County emerged the winners of Kiswahili Ngonjera with 90 marks out of 100, they were followed by Radenya girls High School from Migori County. Other schools that participated included St. Cecilia Aluor Girls among others. Mr. Dominic Odera of Moi Nyabohanse Girls High School in Migori County revealed that most schools opt for SEPU-sponsored items due to the authenticity and consistency SEPU has demonstrated over the years in awarding participants and the winning schools in their categories. Ms. Dorice Khaemba of SEPU's Partnerships, collaborations and linkages office presented the trophies to the winners of both categories





# Central region KMF episode

Curtains for the Central Region music festivals which took place at Karoti Girls High School in Kirinyaga county dropped on Saturday July 6, 2024.

This year's regional festivals attracted more than 40,000 participants from five counties of Kiambu, Kirinyaga, Muranga, 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 Precious Blood Kagure scooping winners trophy in Kiswahili category with 88 marks followed closely by St. Germaine Gatanga with 87 marks.

The English coral verse was won by St Anaurite Gatanga Girls from Muranga county. School Equipment Production Unit Agnes Wanjiru (Finance) presented the trophy to the winner.

She also gave a brief presentation about SEPU products and services.

This year SEPU sponsored a Kiswahili Ngonjera class 2142k and an English choral verse class 2042k





# KMF Eastern chapter

The Eastern Regional Primary and secondary school Music Festival and secondary school Music Festival held at Mumbuni Boys High School Machakos

County witnessed high quality performance from primary and JSS schools. The winners from different categories will gather at the National Music Festival at Moi Girls Eldoret from August 2nd to 14th.

This year's theme is Talent Development for growth of creative Economy in line with the governments call to nurture and support the creative industry to monetize works of art and enable creative people to earn a living.

The Eastern Regional Music Festival attracted participants from Isiolo, kitui, arsabit , Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Machakos, Makueni and Embu. They presented in various categories including set pieces, folk songs, choral verses and original composition. School Equipment Production Unit (SEPU) is sponsoring and English choral verse class 2042k and Kiswahili Ngonjera class 2142k in this year's championship



*Ms. Damaris Wanjiru of Sales &Marketing presents trophies to winners and runners up during the Eastern KMF edition*





# SEPU partners with KEPSHA under KPEEL program and delivers kits to Bungoma

## **SEPU DELIVERS SCIENCE KITS TO BUNGOMA WEST SUB-COUNTY\***

8 yr. old Shaldon Wabwile, a grade 2 learner at Sirisia Mal primary school receives a first aid kit on behalf of her school during the launch of primary school science kits that was commissioned by Bungoma County Director of Education, Mr. Ng'oma at Bungoma West Education headquarters on March 22, 2024. "Let us be ambassadors to others, interact with the kits as CEOs of schools. We thank SEPU for having done this and for doubting Thomases to see what has been done." said the C. D. E



The launch pulled together all the sub - county leadership with the anxious heads of institutions excited about the white boxes displayed at the gathering.

" We now have teaching and learning aids, you should not shy away from teaching. As a CEO, you should be able to demonstrate." said SEPU CEO, Dr. Joel Mabonga during his address to the headteachers.

In attendance during the launch were the County Project Coordinator Ms. Christine Awino, Sub - County Director of Education, Ms. Martina Oburu, Bungoma West OCPD, Sub County CP commander among others.

" This is a God given project which is going to turn around the performance of our learners," said the Sub- County KEPSHA chairperson Mr. Johnson Namisano.

Meanwhile, another SEPU team performed a similar launch at Cheptais.



# SEPU DELIVERS PRIMARY SCHOOL SCIENCE KITS TO BUNGOMA EAST AND KIMILILI\*



Mr. Rono Paul, SUB - County Director of Education (MoE) Bungoma East addresses headteachers of his sub-County during the launch of primary school science kits outside his office on April 2, 2024.

This launch is part of the ongoing Kenya Primary Education Equity in Learning Program (KPEELP) that is funded by the world Bank and addresses and enhances the learning of STEM subjects in primary schools.

CBC is hands - on, lack of the requisite equipment hampers the outcomes and learning participation.

"I thank KEPSHA leadership for good delivery of these beautiful kits that coordination and SEPU for the timely

will improve learning of Science in our Sub - county," said the Mr. Rono in his address to the heads of institutions. He also reiterated that the kits should not be ornamental." put them in good use."

Mr. Patrick Musina(KEPSHA sub county chairperson said the kits will uplift the education standards of their learners. He also emphasized the need of ensuring safety of the equipment.

SEPU team then proceeded to deliver the kits to Kimilili pulling together all the sub-- county leadership led by the Sub-county Director Dr. David Kasembeli, KNUT chairperson, Mr. John Kikechi among others. The leadership also offered advisories to headteachers on the need to make good use of the science equipment delivered.

So far SEPU has delivered these kits to Bungoma West, Cheptais, Tongaren, Bungoma South, Bungoma East and Kimilili.



# SEPU DELIVERS KITS TO BUNGOMA SOUTH



"Thanks, principals, for going in for this equipment for the good of the learners you are in charge of." Said Mr. Martin Juma - secretary KEPSHA Bungoma South. All is well that begins well. A good beginning makes a good ending. How you start a thing to a great extent determines how you end it. There is nothing better than working up a good sweat. Meanwhile, Mr. Phillip Onyango (SEPU Production Manager) earlier yesterday represented the CEO at a KEPSHA National Governing Council during members capacity building workshop at ASK pavilion.

SEPU CEO, Dr. Joel Mabonga (Bending in white top) demonstrates the brakes on the caster wheels of a kit to heads of institutions during the launch of Bungoma South Primary school science kits at the County commissioner's office on March 28, 2024.

The Launch follows the ongoing Kenya Primary Education Equity in Learning Program (KPEELP) funded by the world Bank to help bridge the gap of inequalities in school participation and learning outcomes.



*SEPU CEO sensitizing heads of institutions about the primary school science kits*



# SEPU plants trees in Kiambu County

Pursuant to a Presidential Directive that was launched on December 21, 2022, to plant at least 15 billion trees by the year 2032 and aimed at combating the effect of climate change in the country, School Equipment Production Unit engaged in a tree planting drive at Kanyanjara Secondary school in Kikuyu, Kiambu County on February 23, 2024. SEPU team alongside teachers, learners and parents who had visited the school spread the tree seedlings evenly around the school compound to ensure comprehensive tree coverage.



Kanyanjara secondary school in Sigona Ward, Kikuyu Constituency sits on 5 acres of land and boasts of 81 students with 3 TSC teachers and 4 on voluntary basis.

Tree planting initiatives work to reduce greenhouse emissions, stops and reverses deforestation and restores 5.1 million hectares of deforested and degraded landscapes.

The target of MDA's in support of this initiative is premised on " 30 trees per individual per year benchmark" with incorporation in MDA's performance contract for purposes of monitoring and reporting.

Today's exercise was hyped by the presence of parents and Neighbours of the school who joined SEPU team in the exercise.

This drive is a significant step towards environmental sustainability and the achievement of SEPU Performance Contracting goals.

Mr. Allan Akwabi Weche represented SEPU CEO, Dr. Joel Mabonga who sent a message encouraging learners of Kanyanjara to work hard and to keenly observe their environment.



# SEPU PARTICIPATES IN NYANZA KEPSHA CONFERENCE.

Headteachers grab a look at the grade 1 - 6 primary school science kit exhibited at SEPU booth during KEPSHA NYANZA Regional AGM and conference at Siaya Institute of Technology in Siaya County on April 9, 2024.

The conference themed " Navigating Basic Education through Technological prospects and best practices increase SEPU brand visibility, ensures access to engagements with stakeholders, nurtures partnerships and collaboration, generates leads, grows networks and generally generates brand awareness.

This annual event organized by KEPSHA convenes with a view to bring members together to stay appraised at the Association activities as well as to share experiences and best practices in education nationally and internationally.

Over three thousand delegates attended this year's conference from Kisii, Nyanza, Kisumu, Migori and Homabay Counties and shared an objective of promoting excellence in management of primary schools.





# SEPU EXHIBITS AT KEPSHA CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE



*Ms. Jane Mwai of Sales & Marketting addreses participants during a KEPSHA confrence*

Ms. Sabina Aroni - Central Region County Director of Education (in checked coat) visits SEPU stand during the Kenya Primary Schools Heads Association AGM and conference at Nyamasaria School in Kisumu County.

The Director was accompanied by the regions KEPSHA chairperson Mr. Mwangi, the Headteacher Moi Nyeri Complex, MoE officials and the regions KEPSHA officials. The entourage were taken through SEPU products and services which included the mobile laboratory bench, integrated science kit and the Primary school science kit. SEPU booth kicked off with several school heads visiting to get more info of the exhibited science equipment.



# SEPU participates on the 3rd inter-sectoral conference on research, innovation, science , Technology and innovation at Safari Park Hotel



## SEPU EXHIBITS AT A MULTI – SECTORAL SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FORUM

Deputy Chief of Staff and Deputy Head of Public Service, Executive office of the President, Mr. Josphat Nanok(second right sitting in for Chief Guest Hon. Ezekiel Machogu – CS Education) with fellow panelists follows proceedings during the Third Multi – Sectoral Conference and Exhibitions on Research, Science, Technology and Innovation at Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi earlier today May 7, 2024.

The three-day conference themed “Science, Technology and Innovation as the Game – Changer for National Security and Sustainable Prosperity” employed Inter – Ministerial High-Level Dialogue, Scientific and Technological Presentations and Science, Technology and Innovation Exhibitions as its mode of relay.

Key government officials, high- level advisory panel(HLAP) on Science Technology and innovation and many other Lead Thematic Speakers and Scientists from different Organizations participated and played audience to the Conference.

SEPU exhibited in this conference with a display of a Solar – Powered Mobile laboratory bench, Grade seven new generation Integrated Science kit, and Primary school science kit for Grades 1 - 6 emphasizing on Providers of Quality Science Equipment and Teaching Materials and increasing on visibility.

“We need to continue expanding the space on Nuclear Science and Technology. African countries need to leverage on Science and Technology” said Prof Oyawa, the Director General NACOSTI (Convenor) during the conference.



# UNDER TONES FROM THE SOUTH

I went to the Southern Occident down the fertile lands of Kafira, to meet an old friend Henry Kissinger Prototype. H. K is a man of modest demeanour , 5'8 feet in height and about 80 kilos light unmatched in brilliance atleast by the standards of our zone.

On this particular day he was sitting on an anthill watching over his thick woollen sheep down the stream yonder.

The usual one strand wrinkle on his forehead had graduated to two. This was unnatural of him unless he was perturbed. Without greetings, I climbed the anthill and sat by him for about a dozen minutes. Then I short first " You look pale". He sighed and Without looking my way went straight ahead to narrate his predicament. " I had build them a school, they have good books and good teachers, only one thing and they'll be unmatched in performance in this region and beyond " he paused. " who, the sheep?" I asked in awe. Pointing to the Orient of the hill he showed me some wonderful structures and from my judgment it was a school. " I have half what it takes to build a complete science laboratory and without that they'll miss alot" he concluded.

"Do not worry, I got a plan, I said. Have you ever heard of SEPU?" without much elaboration his countenance changed from pale to bright, " Ooooh yes!!!!..." he retorted in amazement. He quickly got up dragging me down the anthill, we came to a huge bamboo tree and sat down on the greener side of the pasture. I told that at three quarters of what he had a mobile laboratory would be available. That is how Students of Kafira J.S.S managed to get a mobile laboratory.

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# PICTORIAL



*Hon. Felix Odiwuor visit to SEPU*



*SEPU Board chair( 4th right) and members*



*SEPU CEO during his visit to South Korea*



*Hon Mumina Bonaya. - Isiolo County women representative addressing SEPU employees*