

Defunct Government Clearing Agency set for a turn around

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The State is committed to reviving the moribund Government Clearing Agency (GCA) into a profit-making institution within the next two years.

Principal Secretary (PS) in the State Department for Shipping and Maritime Affairs, Shadrack Mwadime says the agency is capable of generating revenue worth Sh500 million annually through provision of clearing and forwarding services.

"We are out to revamp the GCA and restore it to its original status in line with the current realities," he said, adding that it would be repositioned to contemporary international standards.

While touring the agency's head offices at Shimanzi area of Mombasa, Mwadime said revamping the agency operations will result in significant savings to the government in the form of demurrage charges and penalties which the government currently pays



Principal Secretary in the State Department for Shipping and Maritime Affairs, Shadrack Mwadime (right) addresses staff of the Government Clearing Agency in Mombasa. The PS said the moribund state agency is set for a revamp. PHOTO: ANDREW HINGA (KNA)

to private clearing agencies for its imported goods.

Mr. Mwadime said the move to revamp the clearing agency will also ensure safety and confidentiality in clearing of sensitive government cargo.

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The PS noted that the priority of the government is to resuscitate and revitalize institutions that have the capacity to contribute to the economy of the country and thus uplift the lives of Kenyans.

The GCA was a department meant to clear government cargo for Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

Unfortunately, over the years, this function has been underperformed as MDAs decided to clear their goods through private

clearing and forwarding agents due to ineffectiveness of the GCA.

Mwadime disclosed that in the current government administration, the functions of GCA have been transferred from the National Treasury and domiciled in the State Department for Shipping and Maritime Affairs.

The functions involve the clearing and forwarding of ocean, air and land cargo principally being offered only to government interest

Livestock insurance scheme to benefit 30,000 households

BY DIANA MENETO (KNA)

The County Government of Kajiado in partnership with the World Bank and the State Department for Livestock has introduced a Livestock Insurance Scheme to safeguard pastoralists against more livestock losses as the drought situation worsens in the area.

Speaking to the press in his office in Kajiado, Governor Joseph ole Lenku said 30,000 households will benefit from the Livestock Insurance project.

"Some 20,000 households will have their livestock insured for free courtesy of the World Bank while 10,000 other households will pay a highly subsidized fee to have their livestock insured," said Ole Lenku.

The county has been divided into eight clusters targeting the nomadic areas where residents are involved in the meat value chain to enable the execution of the project.

The eight clusters are;

Iloodokilani cluster of Magadi and Iloodokilani Wards, Kaputiei cluster comprising Isinya, Kaputiei North, Oloorsikon-Sholinke and Kitengela Wards.

KiekOnyokie cluster comprising of KiekOnyokie, Mosiro and Ewuaso Wards Kuku cluster which comprises Kuku, Rombo and Kimana Wards.

Other clusters are; Merueshi cluster comprising PokaKenya Ward and Imbirikani. Matapato cluster comprising Matapato North and South Wards, Olgulului cluster which comprises Entonet Ward and Eselenkei and Olkeria cluster which comprises Ildamat, Ildalalekutuk and Imaroro Wards.

"The process begins on Monday and livestock officers from the livestock department will spearhead the process assisted by chiefs and village administrators," the Governor added.



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